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Granger School Dads True "Sweethearts"



DADS OF CHILDREN AT GRANGER SCHOOL served an Italian dinner last Friday night, Valentine's Day, for the entire school to enjoy. From left - Doreen, Jennifer, Philip, and Michael (one of the Dads) Gildersleeve. RELATED STORY AND PHOTOS IN EDUCATION SECTION. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jr. Women's Club Begins To Celebrate 35th Anniversary

The year 1992 marks the 35th anniversary of the Agawam Junior Women's Club. As we look back over the years, we realize the enormous contributions this club has made to our community through the dedication of its members.

This will be the first in a series of articles looking back at just some of the club's contributions to the Town of Agawam.

The First Five Years: 1957-1962

According to club records, 35 years ago, the Junior Women's Club was formed due to the limited membership of the Agawam Women's Club, necessitating a lengthy waiting period for new members to join.

Forty women began the new club, which at the time was limited to women under the age of 35. (The age requirement has since been lifted.) The original object and purpose on which the club was founded continues to be its purpose today. That is, the advancement of public welfare and the promotion of civic and cultural interests of the women of Agawam.

As the club became aware of how best to serve the community, a broad variety of activities was initiated to achieve its purpose. Some of the accomplishments of the first five years included camperships for special needs children, poster contests for fifth grade students of Agawam Schools, and collecting stamps for veterans.

SEE JR. WOMEN - Page 2...

Council Okays Establishment Of School Trust Fund

Feeding Hills resident Thomas Tierney was all smiles Tuesday night following passage of two measures by Town Council that will benefit education in the Agawam Schools.

The council unanimously supported the creation of an instructional materials trust fund and transferred \$22,455 in funds to a temporary account for later transfer to a permanent trust fund.

The funds came from restitution payments made by former Junior High Principal Thomas O'Keefe that will now be used in the instructional materials trust fund.

Tierney, who last year worked tirelessly for the passage of a state law that allows schools to establish their own trust funds from private donations, said the council's action Tuesday was a "tremendous step. The children of Agawam will reap the benefits and rewards of this trust fund down the road."

Benefit Educational Projects

According to the law that was sponsored by State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) and signed by Governor William Weld, the annual interest from this trust fund will be used to buy materials for educational projects proposed by school officials, parents, and students.

SEE TRUST FUND - Page 2...

Agawam Chamber Approves Creation Of 2 \$500 Scholarships

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce has approved two \$500 scholarships that are now available to any high school senior planning to attend college or technical school in September 1992.

Another requirement of these new scholarships is that the senior must participate in the chamber's "Project Lifework." "Project Lifework" requires a student to visit a business of career interest for two to four hours after school during the last week of March.

The purpose of "Project Lifework" included:
*to provide up to four varied and realistic career learning experiences;
*to acquaint students with successful and enthusiastic professionals at all levels;
*to promote an awareness within the business community relative to the needs and interests of high school youth.

This project has worked out well in other area schools with most students showing great interest and enjoying their experience with the businesses.

SEE SCHOLARSHIP - Education Section...

Top Fisherman



KIM SCHERPA won the \$75 first prize in the Mawaga Club's Annual Ice Fishing Derby on February 9th. Club member Norman Roberts congratulates Kim. RELATED PHOTO IN SPORTS. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

JR. WOMEN'S CLUB - from Page 1...

The club also donated money to the town libraries for children's books, and donated the money needed by the Agawam High School Band for its State Flag.

Two important traditions started during this period which have continued until the present day and will continue in the future.

The first is that of providing scholarships to deserving high school seniors. In 1957, an annual Science Award was started, given to an outstanding graduating high school senior; in 1961, the club's fourth year, this was expanded to include two additional awards, for American History and Foreign Language. Presently, the Juniors provide scholarships to over a dozen students each year.

The second important tradition started in 1960 when the club provided its first Christmas baskets to a needy Agawam family. Historical records indicate that it was hoped that "this rich experience becomes a traditional part of the strong civic program of our energetic club."

This program has indeed continued and expanded to the point where this past holiday season, the Juniors coordinated and delivered holiday baskets at both Thanksgiving and Christmas to 33 needy families.

During its first five year, the Junior Women's Club benefitted its community and its members in many ways, as it has continued to do for 30 years after that and will continue to do in the future.

The club is a member of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and currently meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

SCHOOL TRUST FUND - from Page 1...

Included in the transfer measure was \$2,300 of the returned funds which will be divided between the current freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes at Agawam High School, as well as the Student Assistance Program at AHS.

Each of the four classes at AHS will receive \$500 and the Student Assistance Program will receive \$300.

A parents group, led by Junior High parents

Melconian Hails New Law On Hit & Run

STATE SENATOR LINDA J. MELCONIAN presents the wording of the new state law that increases the penalty to drivers who flee the scene of an accident to **Lori Greaney** of 61 Valentine Terrace, Agawam. Lori's sister died as a result of a hit and run driver. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Susan Pettazzoni and Louise David (both are also School Committee members), and Mayor Christopher C. Johnson had met last fall and again on January 27th to discuss the returned funds and how best to appropriate the money to serve the school system. The instructional materials trust fund became an obvious choice that met with strong consensus.

Money Managed By Trustees

The trust fund will be managed by a board of trustees. This board will include the superintendent of schools as its chairman. Two members of

the School Committee, two elementary and two secondary grade level teachers are included, as well as one elementary and one secondary school administrator.

The Mayor will appoint two elementary and two secondary school parents to the trust fund's board of trustees.

It is hoped that once this board of trustees is formed, funds can be raised to build the principal balance in the account on a yearly basis, thereby adding to the interest money that can be spent on the schools.

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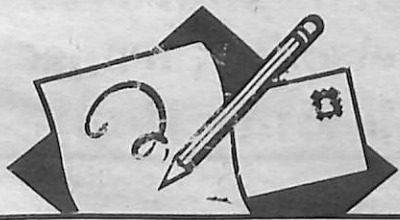
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Letters To The Editor

Browns Thank Many For Acknowledging New Son

To The Editor:

To all our family, friends, and customers, we wish to extend a warm thank-you for all of your love and best wishes on the birth of our son, Adam Patrick Brown.

Sincerely,
Allan, Patricia, & Adam Brown
Feeding Hills

Phelps PTO Thank All For Helping With Register Tapes

To The Editor:

Phelps P.T.O. would like to express a huge thank-you to our parents, staff, and the community for helping us collect \$245,885.27 in Foodmart register receipts.

Thank you for your support.

Phelps P.T.O.

Resident Won't Support Bush For President

To The Editor:

I have some questions for George Bush. First, I want to know what is the overall annual budget on that 1,000 points of light? Are there really a 1,000 points of light, or are there 999? How many have burned out? Who is in charge of watching them? Who is he? Where does he live? How do I get there from here?

Is this person in charge of domestic prosperity? What exactly happened to that bulb?

I am a Republican. I have been all of my life. I believe in my party and most of its politics. However, George Bush will not be receiving my support for the Mass. Primary. I will be supporting Patrick Buchanan. He is a Republican and he is good for the country. I think if the current administration had cared about us, we would not be in need of help right now.

I for one happen to like BROCCOLI. Vegetables are good for you.

I realize George Bush will more than likely take the primary but I figure if we can send him a message, a strong message, maybe we can have him turn us around.

Oh! I am sorry what happened to his home in Maine. Somehow, I do not figure it affected him the same way it would have affected the common folks. Read my lips, "Vote for Pat Buchanan" for president! Thank-you for reading what I have to say.

Yours truly,
Loren Montagna,
Agawam

FIRE-WISE - by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Rules Of The Road For Emergency Vehicles

The Agawam Fire Department reminds motorists that the law requires they pull to the right-hand curb to allow emergency vehicles to pass. Failure to do so can cause serious accidents or delays in arriving at the scene of an emergency.

When you hear sirens or see red lights, pull to the right side of the road and stop. If you cannot move right, move in any direction that will allow the emergency vehicle through. Look first before moving. If there is no place to move, sit tight.

Following an emergency vehicle may seem exciting, but, in reality, is dangerous both to the emergency personnel and to yourself.

Emergency vehicles often have to stop suddenly and someone following too close could become involved in an accident, and emergency personnel could be injured when attempting to get out of their vehicles to respond to the call.

Please heed the warning posted on the back of most fire engines, which states that vehicles behind them should be at least 50 feet behind them.

Agawam Democrats Plan Caucus For Election Of State Delegates Feb. 29th

Registered Democrats in Agawam will be holding a caucus on Saturday, February 29th, at 2:00 p.m. to elect delegates to the 1992 Massachusetts Democratic Convention.

Agawam will be electing 15 delegates and four alternates, equally divided between men and women, to send to the Convention. The apportioned number of delegates has been allocated on the basis of a formula giving equal weight to the Democratic Party registration and the average vote for Democratic candidates in the last general elections for Governor and President for which figures were available at the time delegate tabulations were prepared.

Douglas Bodman, Chairman of the Agawam Democratic Committee, will call the caucus at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats, persons ineligible to register and media representatives.

The only persons eligible to participate in any portion of the caucus are those who are registered Democrats in the ward or town as of December 31st, 1991. There will be no absentee or proxy voting.

Candidates for delegate and alternate must also be present, voting and give his or her written consent to be nominated and that nomination must be sponsored by two persons present at the local caucus.

All ballots will be written and secret. Those candidates receiving the greatest number of votes on the first ballot will be elected. Each candidate will be allowed to make a two-minute speech and to distribute on his/her behalf one sheet of paper listing qualifications and ideas.

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State-making is allowed, but no special preference shall be given to slates. There is no quorum requirement for the caucus. There will be no admission or expense charge at the caucus, although donations may be solicited.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, philosophical persuasion or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited.

Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed in writing with the Compliance Review Commission, c/o The Massachusetts Democratic Party, 45 Bromfield Street, Boston, MA 02108 no later than March 2nd, 1992.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Agawam Women's Club
Program will be the
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Tuesday, February 25th
Meeting of Agawam Chapter of the
Massachusetts Citizens for Life
Agawam Police Station Community Room
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 29th
Dance for parents, staff, and
friends of Granger School
At Alexander's, 60 North Westfield
Street, Feeding Hills
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8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight

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The durable power of attorney can be specific in the sense of being for one event. An example would be, "I appoint Stanley D. Komack as my power of attorney to sign any and all documents with regards to the sale of my home."

The durable power of attorney can also be general in nature in which you give authority to your power of attorney to handle all matters as if he were standing in your shoes.

The major benefit of having a durable power of attorney in place is that if in fact you become disabled or incapacitated, there would be no need for your spouse, other family member, etc., to pursue a formal guardianship in the Probate Court in the county in which you reside.

This is a simple way of avoiding the guardianship court procedure by signing a durable power of attorney before you become disabled or incapacitated.

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 201B, which governs the use of durable power of attorney, goes on to say as follows:

1. All acts done by an attorney in fact pursuant to a durable power of attorney during any period of disability or incapacity of the principal shall have the same effect and inure to the benefit of, and bind the principal and his successors in interest, as if the principal were competent and not disabled.

2. The death of a principal who has extended a written power of attorney, durable or otherwise, shall not revoke or terminate the agency as to the attorney in fact or other person, who, without actual knowledge of the death of the principal, acts in good faith under such power. Any such action so taken, unless otherwise invalid or unenforceable, shall bind a successor in interest of the principal. Note: death normally terminates a power of attorney.

One of the dangers of a durable power of attorney is that it may be revoked at any time. To ease the concern of parties relying on the power of attorney, language should be put into the document giving a specific way in which to terminate; not just verbally.

An example of appropriate language would be as follows: "It is my intent in giving this power of attorney to Stanley D. Komack that this document can only be revoked by a written, notarized instrument signed by Stanley D. Komack and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds."

Also, we can look to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 201B, which states as follows:

"As to acts undertaken in good faith reliance thereon, an affidavit executed by the attorney in fact under a power of attorney, durable or otherwise, stating that he did not have, at the time of exercise of the power, actual knowledge of the termination of the power by revocation or of the death, disability or incapacity of the principal shall be conclusive proof of the nonrevocation or nontermination of the power at that time."

"If the exercise of the power of attorney requires execution and delivery of any instrument that is recordable, such affidavit when authenticated for record shall be likewise recordable. This section shall not affect any provision in a power of attorney for its termination by expiration of time or occurrence of any event other than express revocation or a change in the capacity of the principal."

If you have any questions or would like a free initial consultation, please call **STANLEY D. KOMACK, ESQ.**, at any time at (413) 785-1851.

Council Approves Dealership License For Sliech Auto Body

Town Council has voted to allow Sliech Auto Body of 700 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, the right to hold a Class II Dealership License, with a limit of 19 cars to be stationed on the property.

Councilors voted 7-3-1 to grant the license to John Sliech of Feeding Hills, owner and operator of Sliech Auto Body.

There was some debate on the council floor concerning the number of cars that would be allowed to be stored on the property.

Councilor George Bitzas, chairman of the council subcommittee that oversees Class II car licenses, said the committee recommended that 12 cars instead of 19 be allowed on the property.

According to Bitzas, allowing Sliech the legally determined limit of 19 would make the property "too congested." Bitzas said that if Sliech wished to return to the council to increase the car allotment, he could do so in the future.

However, Bitzas was quickly challenged by Councilors Edward Caba, Walter Balboni, and Gary Suffriti.

Caba, who made the motion to grant Sliech 19 cars, cited reports from the town's Building Department as well as other town agencies that maintained that the property could hold up to a 19 car limit.

Suffriti said that Sliech was a businessman who kept his property "looking good" and saw no problems with allowing Sliech the limit of 19 cars immediately. Suffriti also stated that Sliech had said his auto body and paint service were his major source of business and that "he (Sliech) didn't anticipate keeping more than five or six cars on the property at the same time."

During his brief presentation to the council, Sliech said he would accept the licensing subcommittee's recommendation of a 12-car limit.

During the brief public hearing, no residents or abutters spoke either favorably or against Sliech's license request.

However, two favorable letters were read into the record. One came from abutting businessman Robert Lloyd of Feeding Hills, owner of Valleyview Associates.

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SUE GAUTHIER OF WEST SIDE

West Side's Gauthier GOP Candidate For State Committee

Sue Gauthier of West Springfield has announced that she is a candidate for the Republican State Committee from the First Hampden Senatorial District. The GOP State Committee has one man and one woman member from each of the 40 senatorial districts. Agawam falls in the First Hampden District.

Active in GOP circles for many years, Mrs. Gauthier has been a member of the West Springfield GOP Town Committee since 1958, serving that body as both chairman and vice chairman. She served as president of the former West Springfield GOP Club and as membership chairwoman was primarily instrumental in the growth of that organization to its maximum membership of 3,000.

In recognition of her accomplishment, she was awarded the club's Silver Bowl for the years 1961-63. She was a member of the former West Springfield Voter Education Committee and in recent years was appointed as GOP member of the Board of Registrars of Voters.

Mrs. Gauthier has been elected as a delegate to several GOP state conventions and supported former State Representative Steve Pierce's nomination for governor at the 1990 convention.

Mrs. Gauthier has played a prominent role in the campaigns of several GOP candidates for elective office. She was Western Mass. coordinator in the senatorial district of former U.S. Senator Edward W. Brooke; Hampden County coordinator for women in former Governor John Volpe's gubernatorial campaigns; she was Hampden County coordinator in the campaigns of Mary Newman for secretary of state and Josiah Spaulding for U.S. Senator.

Mrs. Gauthier has also acted as West Springfield coordinator in Richard M. Nixon's campaign for president. She was also coordinator for the late State Senator G. Donald Hammond of Westfield and State Representative Walter DeFilippi of West Springfield.

The Westfield native has resided in West Springfield for the past 46 years. Besides belonging to many civic organizations in town, she was employed by Springfield Institution for Savings for 20 years. She retired in 1985 as supervisor of accounting.

Married to the late Roland Gauthier, she has one son, Alan, of Flemington, New Jersey, and two grandchildren.

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Councilors voting in favor of granting Sliech the license included Louis Russo, James Taylor, Joanne Willis, Thomas Ennis, Caba, Suffriti, and Balboni.

Dissenting were Council President Jessie D. Fuller, Richard Brindle, and Bitzas.

Councilor Nancy Gravel abstained.

Foreign Exchange Program Seeking Homes For 20 French Kids In Agawam In April

Intercultural Friendships is looking for families willing to host a French student for a week in April and make him/her a part of your family.

Intercultural Friendships, a short-term exchange home stay program, is bringing to Agawam a group of 20 French students, aged 14 to 19, from April 6th through 13th.

The students have had extensive studies in English and are looking for the opportunity to expand their skills. Learning about American families and lifestyles is another aspect of the program.

While the students gain a personal insight into us, host families also get a taste of another culture.

Intercultural Friendships offers enriching benefits to all who participate—sharing cultures and experiences and learning about each other. Becoming a host family affords us the opportunity to become part of the bridge to international understanding and harmony.

If you or someone you know would like to become a part of this bridge, please contact Colleen Dupee, Community Coordinator, at 786-1345.

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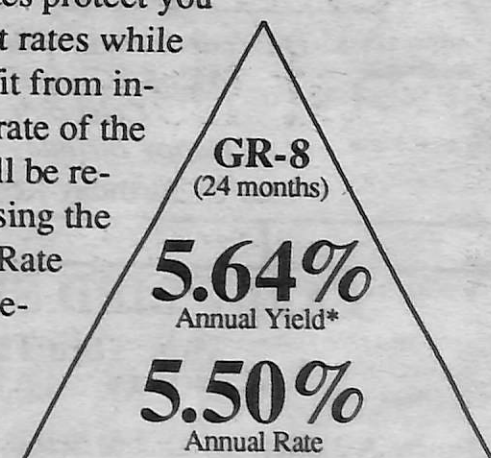
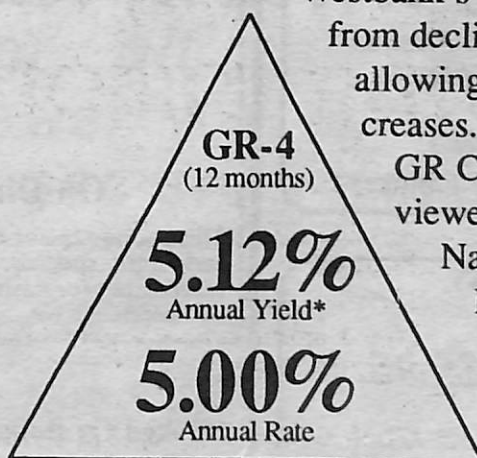
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Families

Polish Club Donates Another \$1,000 To Fund



THE POLISH AMERICAN CLUB of Agawam made another donation of \$1,000 to the Anne Sullivan Committee to help assure the project's success. Included in the check presentation ceremony were, from left - Paul Martin, Polish Club; Jim Loomis, Anne Sullivan Committee; Laurretta Charest and Al Lepore, Polish Club; and Ray Olson, Anne Sullivan Committee. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

St. John's Church Pack 77 Cub Scouts Earn Parvuli Dei Medals From Parish Pastor

On February 9th, 1992, Cub Scouts Jeffrey Rivkin, Keith Sullivan, William Kraus, Andrew Siana, and Stephan Ferreira were presented with their Parvuli Dei Medals by Father Richard Meehan at St. John's Church.

Co-ordinating the program this year was Mary Pat Clark, who started working with the boys and their parents in November.

It is very rare that Cub Scouts earn the Parvuli Dei Medal; mostly Boy Scouts earn this religious emblem. Pack 77 is very proud to have such devoted scouts and parents among its membership.

Congratulations to the Scouts on such a tremendous achievement.

Ag. Congregational Lists Upcoming Events For Next Two Weeks

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, announces the following upcoming events:

A Leap Year Dance will be held by the Saturday Night Live Group (adults 18 to 105 years young); everyone is invited to join in this night of fellowship and dancing. There is a \$2.90 donation per person. Bring your favorite record and our youth voluntary D.J.'s will spin it for you.

The Wednesday night worship service at 7:00 p.m. will continue throughout the year. This half-hour informal service with Communion precedes the Relate Bible Study.

The Relate Bible Study series continues every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. Together we will R.E.L.A.T.E.—Relax, Examine our lives, Listen to God's story, Ask ourselves questions, Tell our stories, Entrust all to God.

An Ash Wednesday service will be held on March 4th at 7:00 p.m. This will be a service of penitence and confession. There will be periods of silence and personal reflection.

The Agawam Congregational Church will be holding its annual Nick Zucco Scholarship Dinner on Sunday, March 8th, starting at 5:00 p.m. The dinner is free, but donations are requested.

This is a fundraiser for students entering college and students continuing their education. Along with great food, we will have great entertainment—magician Tom O'Brien.

For reservations, call the church office, 786-7111. Come and support our future—our students in their quest for education.

Italian Women's Club Has Fashion Show & Brunch

The Italian Women's Club presents "La Primavera Fashion Show and Brunch" to be held Sunday, March 1st, at Chez Josef, Agawam, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fashions are by Lucile L's of Suffield and Hair Fashions by Bill Ochoa. Door prizes and raffle will also be held. Tickets are \$16 per person and can be obtained by calling Chris at 783-6579.

The sculpture "Water" was made possible with the generosity of the citizens of Agawam, and the support of the following major contributors:

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The Anne Sullivan Memorial Committee is still \$20,000 short of the \$52,000 needed to bring Mico Kaufman's sculpture "Water" to Feeding Hills. We are planning a bronze plaque which will be placed near the sculpture to thank contributors of \$750 or more. To join the major contributors listed above and on the plaque, a contribution of \$750 or more is needed to memorialize a loved one. If you'd like to make a contribution, please contact any committee member. Our address is Post Office Box 537, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts 01030 or you can contact our chair Marilyn Curry at 786-1452. Only with your continued support can we raise the funds needed to bring "Water" home to Feeding Hills.



The Anne Sullivan Memorial Committee, Inc.

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Nicky's Pizza Visited By Tiger Cub Pack 77

What did you do on Super Bowl Sunday?

Well, the Tiger Cubs from Pack 77 visited Nicky's Pizzeria. Mr. Nick, as Tommy DeLuca chose to call him, showed the boys how he learned to make pizza the way they do it in the Old Country.

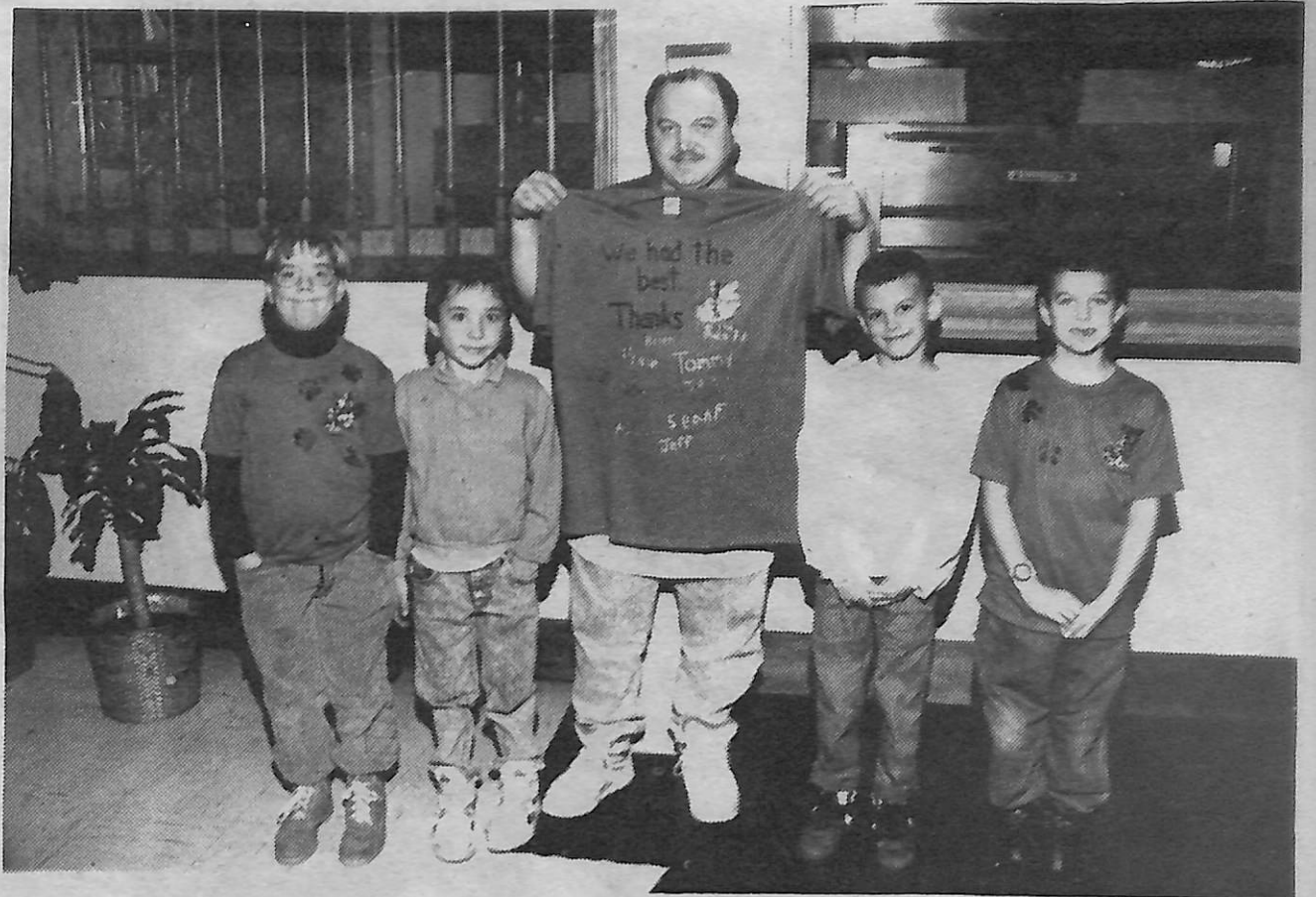
Where's the Old Country? One said Mexico, one said Russia; finally, Sean Finnegan blurted, "Italy!"

Nick and Annette Liquori were great with the six and seven year-old boys. The boys were allowed to step into the walk-in refrigerator and after observing Nick make a party-size pizza for the group, he gave each of the boys a piece of dough to feel and keep.

As Nicky explained his business to the boys, he injected a little humor into it, saying that the boys better do well in school or they might end up making pizza every day and every night just like him to make a living.

That didn't seem like such a bad living—Joey Clark says he loves pizza: "That would be fun!" Nicky's is a real clean place to eat and the pizza is definitely "The Best," so the boys each made thank-you notes and signed their names to a Tiger Cub T-shirt for Nick to keep for his very own.

Joey Clark, Tommy DeLuca, Sean Finnegan, Bruce LeClair, and Joey Prova presented the Liquoris of Nicky's Pizzeria with the shirt on Monday, February 10th, just before their Tiger Cub meeting.



NICKY LIQUORI, owner and operator of Nicky's Pizzeria of Agawam receives a t-shirt from Pack 77 Cub Scouts Sean Finnegan, Bruce LeClair, Joey Prova, and Joey Clark last week. The scouts paid a visit to Nicky's to watch how pizzas are made and to enjoy the fruits of Nicky's labors afterwards. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Les Amis Du Vin Has Wine Tasting March 1

The Western Massachusetts chapter of Les Amis Du Vin (The Friends of Wine) will sponsor a Spanish wine dinner tasting at the Las Tapas restaurant in East Longmeadow on Sunday afternoon, March 1st, at 2:00 p.m.

A special four-course dinner has been planned, with assorted Spanish tapas and seven wines paired with the foods served. Featured for the afternoon event will be the wines of Don Julian, Campo Burgo, and El Principe.

Chapter Director Gary Sandman will lead the tasting and talk about the three different wine-growing regions these wines are from.

The special price for this tasting is \$15 per person for members of Les Amis Du Vin and \$18 for non-members. Seating is limited to 50 people, and reservations are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservations can be made by a check, payable to Les Amis Du Vin, and sent to Chapter Director Gary Sandman at 218 College Highway, Southwick, MA, 01077, before February 27th.

For additional information, call Gary Sandman at (413) 569-3467.

Scoreboard Rest. & Special Olympics

Help support Hampden County Special Olympics by attending a Winter Blues Party, Saturday, February 29th, from 7:00 p.m. to midnight at the Scoreboard Restaurant, 15 King Street, Agawam.

Food is being provided by The Catering Company. Music is by disc jockey Pink Cadillac Productions. A \$10 donation covers food, raffles, and fun. For tickets, call The Scoreboard at 786-0914.

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BABY MICHAEL P. MEUNIER

Meuniers Welcome New Son, Michael

Paul & Susan Meunier of Franklin Street, Feeding Hills, are proud to announce the birth of a son, Michael Paul Meunier, born premature on January 12th.

This healthy baby boy weighed in at seven pounds, eight ounces, and measured 20½ inches long. Michael is the seventh grandchild on both sides of the family.

He is the grandson of the proud grandmother Pat Borgatti and the late Richard Borgatti of Feeding Hills, Ronald & Penny Meunier, formerly of Agawam (now of Florida).

Michael was the 15th baby to be born at the new Wesson Woman's Hospital. The family is grateful for the prompt response by the Agawam Ambulance that night. Mikey came very fast.

His big sister, Melani Sue, 11, and other big sister, Marci, 6, were anxiously awaiting their new brother's arrival. All are doing well.



MR. & MRS. DAVID J. SOFFAN

Soffans Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. David J. Soffan of 31 Granger Drive, Feeding Hills, were the guests of honor at a 50th wedding anniversary celebration at Shaker Farms County Club, Westfield, on Sunday, February 16th.

They were married February 12th, 1942 at St. Anthony's Church in Springfield. David is retired from General Instrument Corp., Chicopee, and Mildred is a retired bookkeeper.

They are the parents of Ronalee Herod of Texas City, Texas, and Karla Tyrell of Feeding Hills. They have four grandchildren: Kymberly Sawa of Westfield; Jody Brock of Michigan; Mandria Bolen of Ohio; and Amyanne Tyrell of Feeding Hills.

They are also grandparents to three great-grandchildren.

Agawam Senior Center Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, February 24th: Hamburg stew (potatoes, carrots, onions, peas, celery), tossed salad, rye bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, February 25th: Turkey rice soup, cheese ravioli, broccoli, oatmeal bread, vanilla pudding with whipped topping.

Wednesday, February 26th: Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat bread, apple turnover.

Thursday, February 27th: Baked chicken leg, stuffing with gravy, corn, Canadian oat bread, pears.

Friday, February 28th: Baked scrod, rice pilaf, peas, rye bread, pineapple tidbits.

Agawam Citizens For Life To Meet February 25th

The Agawam Chapter of the Massachusetts Citizens for Life will meet on Tuesday, February 25th, at 7:30 p.m., in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Station.

For more information, call Steve at 789-4439.

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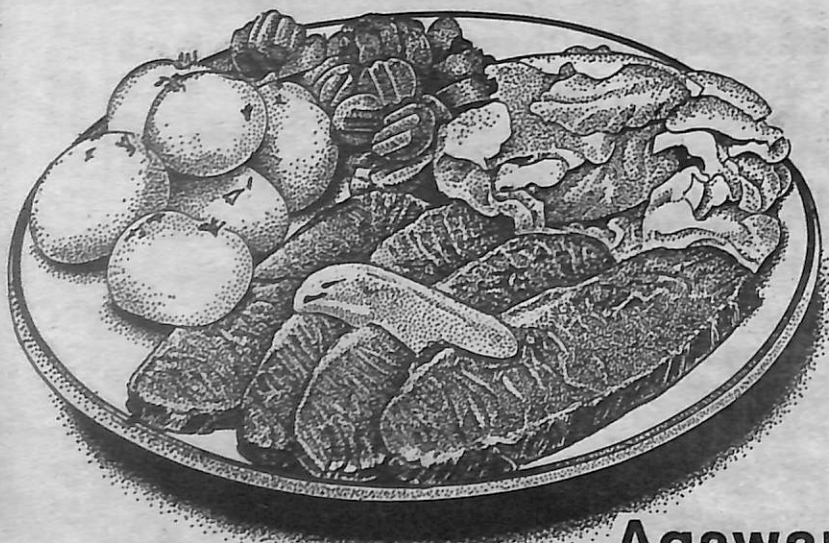
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PAULINE B. ROY & LEONARD G. ROSSMEISL

Pauline B. Roy Engaged To Leonard G. Rossmeisl

Mr. and Mrs. Roger C. Roy of Barry Street, Feeding Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Pauline Blanche Roy, to Leonard George Rossmeisl, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rossmeisl of Lewis Avenue, West Springfield.

Miss Roy is a 1980 graduate of Agawam High School. She attended Western New England College and received a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, and a master's degree in Engineering management. Pauline is employed as an Operations Engineer at Hamilton Standard in East Windsor, Connecticut.

Mr. Rossmeisl is a 1977 graduate of West Springfield High School. He attended Western New England College and received a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. Leonard is employed as a Test Equipment Design Engineer at Hamilton Standard in Farmington, Connecticut.

An August 1992 wedding is planned.



MR. & MRS. CRAIG E. PLANTE

Knitting Guild To Meet At Yarn Shop

The Greater Springfield Knitting Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 25th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Yarn Shop, 360 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The topic for this month will be two-handed, two color knitting. Please bring needles and two different color yarns.

All knitters, both beginners and advanced, are welcome. For further information, contact Frieda at 567-6387 or Judy at 567-5380.

Michelle R. Noel Bride Of Craig E. Plante

In a recent ceremony at St. John the Evangelist Church, Main Street, Agawam, Craig Edward Plante and Michelle Rose Noel were united in marriage.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Plante of Feeding Hills. The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Noel of Ludlow.

Kristina M. Vitorino served her sister as her matron of honor, and her bridesmaids were Monika B. Rodriguez, Linda F. Dias, Barbara Plante Bard (sister of the groom), Kathleen M. Plante (sister of the groom), and Kaitlyn S. Vitorino (niece of the bride/flower girl).

John D. Plante served his brother as the best man, and the groomsmen were Steven Yanne, Michael Sullivan, Danny Lancour, Clifford Kibbe, and Carlos A. Rodriguez (cousin of the bride and groom/ring bearer).

The bride is a graduate of Ludlow High School and is currently employed by the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company in the real estate investment division. She is also a board member of the Springfield chapter of Professional Secretaries International.

The groom graduated from Cathedral High School and Southeastern Massachusetts University. He is self-employed.

Talent Auction Set By Women's Club

The February meeting of the Agawam Women's Club will be held Monday, February 24th, at 7:30 p.m. The program will be the Annual Talent Auction.

Handmade items, baked goods, and other interesting things donated by club members are put up for auction and quickly purchased.

Talent Auction Night is a fun-filled evening that is one of the club's very pleasant fundraisers.

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Agawam Obituaries

Mary S. Draghetti

Mary S. (Cascella) Draghetti, 87, of 314 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, a retired 14-year cafeteria worker at the Clifford M. Granger Elementary School, died in Mercy Hospital in Springfield. She retired in 1970.

Born in the Three Rivers section of Palmer, she moved to Feeding Hills in 1924.

She was a member of the Feeding Hills Women's Club, a 50-year member of the Feeding Hills Grange, and the oldest active member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 185 of Agawam.

She was a member of the Agawam Golden Age Club and Chapter 1. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, and a member of its Rosary Altar Society.

She went back to school and received her high school diploma from Agawam High School in 1970.

Her husband, Frank E. Draghetti, died in 1956.

She leaves two sons, Louis D. of Agawam and George of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Alice D. Smith of Feeding Hills and Patricia S. Jones of Montague, Michigan; two brothers, John Cascella of Agawam and Thomas Cascella of the Willimansett section of Chicopee; two sisters, Helen Lombardo of Enfield and Jenny Manydeeds of Ashland, Wisconsin; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was Tuesday morning at Agawam Funeral Home, and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Margaret M. Hottin

Margaret M. (Farren) Gaydos Hottin, 69, of 24 Dwight Street, Agawam, died at home.

Born in Chatham, New Brunswick, she moved to Connecticut in 1947. She has lived in Massachusetts for 32 years, in Agawam for the past four.

She did volunteer work in area nursing homes, and was a communicant of St. David's Episcopal Church.

Her first husband, Theodore V. Gaydos, died in 1976.

She leaves her husband, Edward L. Hottin; a daughter, Margaret Scavotto Seymour of West Springfield; a stepson, Edward J. Hottin of Agawam; three stepdaughters, Linda Birk of Feeding Hills, Sandra Hottin-Levesque of Agawam and Rosemary Hottin of Somers, CT; her parents, Bernard J. and Elizabeth (Losier) Farren of Carver; a brother, Arthur Farren of Mashpee; a sister, Anna Williams of Brighton; two grandchildren and four stepgrandchildren.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning in St. David's Episcopal Church, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery in Westfield at the family's convenience. Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA, 01040.

Brian M. DeGeorge-Whitney

Brian M. DeGeorge-Whitney, a two-month-old infant, of 66 Fernwood Drive, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. He was born in Springfield.

He leaves his parents, Gary DeGeorge of Ludlow and Charlene M. (Whitney) Collins of Agawam; a brother, Kevin Collins of Agawam; a sister, Jennifer Collins of Agawam; his grandparents, Joseph and Dolores DeGeorge of Ludlow, and Alfred L. and Audrey M. Roberts of Agawam.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts Chapter of the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance, 91 Parkview Street, Springfield, MA, 01129.

Edward J. Higgins

Edward J. Higgins, 79, of 48 Dartmouth Street, Agawam, a retired foreman for the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. warehouse in East Hartford, died in Baystate Medical Center.

He worked for the supermarket chain for 35 years before retiring in 1975.

Born in Hartford, he moved to Agawam in 1955. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and a member of Springfield Elks Lodge 61. He was an Army medical corpsman in World War II.

He leaves his wife, the former Mildred V. McMahon; two daughters, Kathlyn V. Williamson and Noreen F. Galeof Springfield, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Home and the church, with burial at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 34 Chapin Terrace, Springfield, MA, 01107.



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Spotlight On Business

Curran Jones Has New Video To Enhance Funeral Service

A new way of enhancing funeral service with video has been introduced locally by Curran-Jones and Edward F. Day Funeral Homes. Call the Tribute Program, it is a moving, yet dignified presentation of a life remembered, combining sophisticated video technology with a sensitive production style.

"We view the Tribute Program as a way to celebrate the life of someone who has died," says Richard Curran, of Curran-Jones and Edward F. Day Funeral Homes. "Families who use the Tribute Program may share a very special remembrance of their loved one's life, both at the funeral ceremony and in private, whenever they wish to do so," Dick adds.

The Tribute Program combines photographs from the life of the deceased with tastefully presented background scenes evocative of the New England Area. Music, which may be selected by the family because of its association with the departed person, is added to form the sound track.

A favorite scripture or other quotation completes the package. The result is a six-minute videotape featuring cherished pictures complemented by respectful audio and visual imagery.

The Tribute Program is based on pictures chosen by the family. "It is not a videotape of the funeral itself," Dick Curran points out. "Only photos that show the deceased as the family wishes to remember him or her are used," Dick adds.

Produced by National Merit Service, of Spokane, Washington, the Tribute Program is being used across the United States and Canada. It has drawn favorable comment from families and funeral directors.

"What a beautiful and lasting remembrance to pass on to the grandchildren, especially the younger ones, when memories are starting to fade. Yes, we have the picture albums, but there is something very different about the video," says a family member from Idaho.

The important role the Tribute Program can play in facilitating the grieving process has been recognized by Dr. Earl Grollman, widely acclaimed authority on the subject. "This is the most exciting new project I've ever heard of in funeral service," notes Grollman.

Curran-Jones and Edward F. Day Funeral Homes have been serving the Pioneer Valley for over 60 years. "We've always been dedicated to providing meaningful funeral service in line with established traditions," says Dick Curran. "The Tribute Program is innovative, yet still within the bounds of respectful funeral custom," Dick points out.



BEVERLY BOURDEAU and JOSEPH CURRAN of Curran-Jones and Edward F. Day Funeral Homes have announced a new video that has been introduced to enhance funeral service.

Small Manufacturing Firm Newest Tenant To Located In Agawam Industrial Park

Governors America Corp. (GAC) recently relocated its business to 720 Silver Street in the Agawam Industrial Park. Established in 1986, the firm was previously located in the Springfield Industrial Park.

GAC is a manufacturer of electro-mechanical and electronic devices used to control (govern) the speed of internal combustion engines. Their products are sold through an international network of distributors and are used worldwide by

electrical generating, industrial, military, and construction equipment manufacturers.

GAS moved to Agawam in mid-December and presently has 15 employees working in its newly-designed 6,000 square foot facility. All its operations are performed out of this headquarters.

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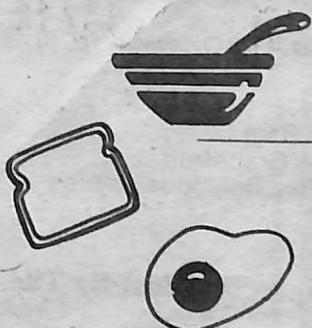
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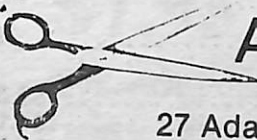
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How To Get The Most From Your Tax Preparer

Although it's only toward the end of February, I'm sure that you'll agree that April 15th will be here before you know it ... thus, it's critical that you start thinking/reacting to your tax situation.

It's to your benefit that you familiarize yourself with the tax law ... being knowledgeable means you won't waste anyone's time or your own money. Take advantage of the many tax preparation guides on the market ... and the IRS itself provides plenty of free basic filing information.

At the very least, you should review both the various tax forms and the accompanying instructions so you'll have a better understanding of the basic concepts and the information your preparer will need to know to fill out your return.

Be sure to organize your materials ... don't show up at your preparer's office with a briefcase full of tax-related paperwork that you expect him to sort out. If your preparer has to muddle through your papers, it will cut into the time that should be spent figuring out the best tax strategy for your returns.

Bring the right info to the meeting. Once you've organized your records, bring the necessary information, such as...

—**Past tax returns** ... If this is the first time you are working with this tax preparer, or if you've always prepared your own returns, it's especially important to bring old returns.

It will give your new preparer valuable information about your tax history ... and he can view your past three returns to see if you missed any tax breaks in those years (they can still be claimed). If you have worked with this preparer in the past, he should have copies of your old returns in the file.

—**Tax statements** ... Bring your W-2 form and all 1099 forms, showing income and proceeds from security transactions.

—**Expense diary** ... This will help your preparer determine the deductibility of your expenses. He will also be able to tell you if it meets the stringent record-keeping requirements of the IRS.

If it's not in good enough shape for use on this year's return, he should be able to advise you about making it audit-proof for next year's return.

—**Canceled checks** ... Bring all your checks,

even those not written for deductible items. It will be helpful if you are able to categorize the checks (travel, etc.) Your accountant will probably find

A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, You who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal. You, who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you, who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer three consecutive days without asking your wish. After third day wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted. I will never stop trusting in God and his power.

M.F.G.

some deductions that you didn't know about.

Non-deductible expenses may trigger deductions (for example, a new car). Of course, the purchase price is nondeductible, but if you used the car for business, there may be some deductions. Had you not brought that check to the interview, the whole issue might never have come up.

—**Prepare worksheets** ... Many firms send out detailed worksheets for you to fill out long before your actual appointment. Bring that worksheet with you, and be sure you've filled it out with scrupulous care.

—**Never jump to tax conclusions** ... Many taxpayers don't bother mentioning some financial matters to their accountant because they have already made a decision on its tax status. Yet taxpayers often reach the wrong conclusion and lose out on deductions.

Tell your preparer everything ... and let him make the decision. Even if an item isn't deductible this year, you may get some good advice about how to make it deductible next year.

If you follow these guidelines, preparing your taxes should deliver minimal inconvenience ... and an accurate return. Also, now is an excellent time to get a tax projection ... ask your preparer to look at the next year's taxes while he's doing your return.

You'll see early in the year where you stand, and you'll know what to expect.

FREE INFORMATION

Periodically, I come across interesting information which is free of charge to the public ... I will list this info every several weeks. If you desire the information, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-sized envelope to the addresses listed below. I will pass this info on to you as it becomes available.

* **Puppy Proof Your Home** ... 14 ways to protect your puppy from household dangers. Mail to ALPO Petfoods, Inc., Box 25100, Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, 18002.

* **Parent's Guide for Medicine Use by Children** ... Common mistakes parents make when giving their children medicine. Mail to National Council on Patient Information and Education, Dept. B, 666 11 Street NW, Suite 810, Washington, DC, 20001.

Please send your tips or questions to Ray Rose, P.O. Box 487, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

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Shirley Kibbe of Agawam has been named the "Agent of the Year" for 1991 by Lewis & Arnold Inc., Realtors of Feeding Hills, for total listing and sales that exceeded \$2 million.

Gary Arnold, co-owner of the firm, stated, "Shirley worked very hard in a very challenging market. We are very proud of her accomplishments."

In addition to being a licensed real estate broker, Mrs. Kibbe is a graduate of the Realtor Institute and holds the nationally recognized Certified Residential Specialists designation, a symbol of excellence in residential sales.

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Kids Place To Hop For Leukemia Society

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The funds that are raised will support the Leukemia Society's programs of research, patient assistance and education. Leukemia is a disease affecting the blood forming tissues and organs. It takes the lives of more children than any other disease, yet kills eight times as many adults.

Leukemia has been called the "window of cancer research." Medical researchers are making great strides in Leukemia research. Many of the life-saving approaches to cancer, such as chemotherapy and bone marrow transplants, were pioneered with Leukemia patients.

To support this worthy cause, sponsor one of these ambitious and generous local hoppers. For more information, contact the Leukemia Society at 617-329-9944.

Free Eye Screening At Ag. Senior Center

Senior citizens can take advantage of a free vision screening sponsored by the Agawam Council on Aging on Wednesday, February 26th, at the Agawam Senior Center, 57 Wright Street.

The screening will take place from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. Pre-registration is suggested but walk-ins will be welcome.

Visitors to the Community Eye Care mobile van will be screened for visual acuity, glaucoma, cataracts, and other eye problems.

Community Eye Care is a public service project designed to foster an increased awareness of vision health for seniors citizens (the greatest percentage of eye problems exist in the aging population).

The screening takes less than 20 minutes. Please call 786-0400, extension 242 to schedule an appointment. There is no charge for the screening.

Jill Gagne Named By Local Red Cross

At a recent recognition ceremony of the Pioneer Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, Health Services Director Jill Gagne was presented a special "Milestone Award."

She received a "Certificate of Appreciation" for contributing 300 hours of outstanding volunteer service in Health & Safety Programs. Jill's work in inspiring confidence as well as competence by her students helped to reach over 17,000 participants last year.

On behalf of the Pioneer Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, thank-you, Jill, for a job well done!

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How To Keep On Keepin' On!

TO MY READERS: It appears many of you heard me speaking on the radio recently about how to keep up your positive attitude in these often discouraging times we live in. Since I have received many letters about this, I have put together what I feel will be a thought-provoking article for you to read, clip, save, and re-read many times!

Hang it on your refrigerator, your bathroom mirror, etc.—anywhere it seems you will "run into" it! Hope you enjoy it—as always, I will continue to answer your great and appreciated letters.

Are you excited about your life? Do you really know "how to live each and every day"? Are you headed towards your dreams and goals? Do you really believe you deserve to be happy? Can you live an enriching life?

If your answer to all these is an enthusiastic "YES," then you need not read this article. HOWEVER, if you do not answer "YES" to all of these or you have time to spare, please read on.

As a motivational speaker who frequently incorporates segments on how to "live life passionately," I wanted to give you some insights that you might want to think about or share with others.

These are insights that I feel are almost "natural laws of the universe"—meaning that they hold a great deal of truth and can make a substantial difference in your life.

They pave the way for really understanding that you have the ability in most cases to "get to where you want to go." Here are some of my PRINCIPLES FOR BETTER LIVING and SUCCESS:

1. FALL NINE TIMES, STAND UP TEN: This really says that you are entitled to go after what you

think will make you feel fulfilled—socially, emotionally, or financially—but, it also says that the people who seem to get to where they want to go PERSEVERE, especially when things do not work out the first few times.

When you persevere you allow the words "REJECTION" and "VICTIM" to take a back seat in every situation. People who persevere know that "sooner or later" positive outcomes HAVE TO happen. What areas in your work/home life can you apply this idea to?

I also like what Winston Churchill said—"never, never give up."

2. HAVE PATIENCE WITH ALL THINGS, BUT ESPECIALLY WITH YOURSELF: I encourage you to understand that great and significant things happen usually in small, small steps. Approach each task you get involved in with pride, precision and confidence.

You will get to the finish line in much better shape, mentally as well as physically. Take each day (and each moment, if you can) for what it truly is—a small speck in time and a gift to you. When you display this type of attitude, it is contagious and you will build a great life.

3. DO NOT TAKE YOURSELF SERIOUSLY: This is perhaps one of my greatest principles. This does not mean "goofing off" or becoming "less conscientious," but gaining the ability and courage to "lighten up" in many different types of situations—you'll feel better, look better, and BE BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: We still have spaces available if you would like to attend my seminar called the "REAL POWER OF LAUGHTER, HUMOR and DAILY POSITIVE ATTITUDE."

The seminar will take place on February 25th as well as on February 28th. Both sessions are from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and take place at the RAMADA Hotel in West Springfield.

Cost is \$19 per person, and 2.4 contact hours are awarded for nurses and other professional groups. You will have a fun evening while learning the ideas it takes to develop an approach to life that is wonderful, inspiring, and genuine.

Call 785-1259 to pre-register!

(You can write to Dr. Sobel at: Dr. Sobel, The New England Institute For Stress Management, 425 Union Street, West Springfield, MA, 01089.)

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For Your Health - continued...**Women's Health Care To Be Discussed At Noble Hospital**

The Education Center at Noble Hospital, Westfield, is proud to present "Women Caught in the Middle: The Health Care Dilemma" on Thursday, February 27th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Jami Filiault, program director at Elder Haven Adult Day Center in Westfield, will speak about dilemmas faced by women giving care to others. The program's objectives are to acknowledge care providers that manage to care for children and aging relatives, while simultaneously pursuing careers, maintaining relationships and managing the home.

In addition, participants will be able to discuss patterns of their own upbringing; identify how these patterns of caregiving emerge and often take over their lives; state ways of breaking these patterns and locating resources of help.

Filiault's past experience includes work as a teacher of special needs children and adults, a state certified home health care provider and therapist. She is also a member of the Pioneer Valley Alzheimer's Specialists Organization, an advocate for elders and individuals with special needs and a freelance writer.

Continuing education requirements for this program will equal two contact hours.

Registration before February 21st will be \$4; late registration will be \$10. For further information or to register, call the Education Center, which is adjacent to the Emergency Room entrance at Noble Hospital, at (413) 568-2811, extension 421.

F.H. Medical Center Has Better Program To Stop Smoking

Feeding Hills Medical Center, an affiliate of Noble Hospital, is offering a Nicotine Patch Program to help you quit the smoking habit.

The Nicotine Patch, which became available to the general public in January 1992, is a prescribed method of nicotine deterrent that has shown to be helpful for people who want to quit smoking. The patch comes in various sizes and is prescribed according to each individual's dependency on nicotine.

However, there is no guarantee of success with the program and quitting the habit will require considerable effort on the part of the patient.

Increase Chance Of Quitting

"Using the patch can significantly increase a smoker's chance of quitting," said Dr. Kevin Quinlan, an Agawam resident who is a physician of internal medicine at Feeding Hills Medical Center. "It has shown to be very helpful in highly-motivated smokers."

According to Dr. Quinlan, interested participants are given a patient information kit about one of the patch programs, Nicoderm or Habitrol. The kit is free and available at the Feeding Hills Medical Center.

The Feeding Hills Medical Center, located in the Galleria Shops, corner of North and North Westfield Streets, is open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., every Saturday and Sunday.

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Dr. Tina Ross Set To Present Five-Part Series At Ag. Library

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce that Dr. Tina D. Ross, Chiropractic Physician, will present a five-part lecture series on Health and Fitness.

The first topic to be presented will be "Osteoporosis (brittle bone disease) - Understanding What It Is" on Wednesday, February 26th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Library.

All women, young and mature, should attend this lecture. It is possible to lower your chances of developing Osteoporosis, armed with the knowledge of how you can be in more control.

Other lecture topics to be held on consecutive Wednesdays evenings are: "Nutrition - Are You What You Eat?" on March 4th; "Prevention of Back Injuries" on March 11th; "Combating Stress" on March 18th; and "Sitting On the Job" will be the final lecture on March 25th.

All lectures are free and open to the public. Interested persons may register for any or all of the Health and Fitness programs.

To register, or for additional information, please call the Agawam Public Library at 789-1550.

CPR Class To Be Held At Agawam Police Station

A class in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) will be held on March 3rd and 6th from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Department building, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Rescue breathing, conscious and unconscious choking, and CPR for infants, children, and adults will be covered during the two-night class. Course material is geared for both the semi-professional and general public rescuer.

The AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION certification issued through this course will meet many job requirements, such as those for day care providers, babysitters, or lifeguards. This course meets O.S.H.A. regulations as well.

The cost of \$32 will cover all course materials, mannequin use, books, and cards. Call 786-5912 to register, or for further information.

Mercy Hospital Has Stroke Support

The Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at the Mercy Hospital Center for Health will sponsor its monthly stroke support group on Monday, February 24th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the O'Hara Room for the Deliso Conference Center at Mercy Hospital, 299 Carew Street, Springfield.

All stroke survivors and their family members, as well as interested professionals, are invited to attend. The group is open to the public as a community service and there is no charge for the support group.

For more information, contact the Weldon Center, 737-8153 ext. 6454.

Mercy Hospital Has Pulmonary Support

Mercy Hospital will sponsor a Pulmonary Support Group Meeting on Wednesday, February 26th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Medical Staff Room, Deliso Conference Center, Mercy Hospital Center for Health, Springfield.

People with lung disease and their families are invited to attend an afternoon of sharing and learning about better living with lung disease.

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Agawam Residents Invited To Attend Suffield Players' *Dark Lady*

Suffield: Lyle Pearsons admits that librarians in three counties are looking for him, but he can't help it...he's just doing his job!

Pearson's job is, of course, artistic director for the Suffield Players upcoming drama, *Dark Lady*, which opens February 20th at Mapleton Hall.

The play explores the rumored relationship between Shakespeare and court musician Emilia Bassano, reputed to be the "dark lady" of the Shakespearean sonnets. Pearsons and costume designer Margie Secora checked out dozens of library books to be sure the Elizabethan-era drama is as authentic as possible.

They found they had to keep some books a little longer than expected in order to continue their research, but in doing so they gained a far deeper understanding of Shakespeare as a man, and of the times he lived and worked in.

"We used the costume research as a starting point," Pearsons said. "We knew we were going to need lots of lead time, so this seemed like a good place to begin." Starting in the early Fall, Pearsons and Secora pored over books on English clothing of the period, but found the portraits and wood engravings in art history books particularly useful in capturing the style and mood of the Elizabethans. They soon discovered that it was a good thing they started early, since the research took much longer than expected.

"We learned so many interesting bits of trivia along the way that we would get lost in it, and what was supposed to be an hour in the stacks turned into an entire afternoon!" Pearsons laughed.

The time was not wasted, however, because Pearsons found that these details were very useful in selecting props and furniture, and in helping the cast members feel more familiar with their sixteenth-century personae. "We learned that glassware was just being introduced in England, so we knew we'd need to dig deeper to find out if our stage would be metal, glass or stoneware."

The group loved a bit of trivia on tableware as well. Forks were not widely used at this time. Instead, the diner would hold a knife in one hand and reach across the table and grab at things with the other. Thus, it was considered very bad manners to blow one's nose with the same hand with which one grabbed the roast fowl. It was better to

put down the knife and blow the nose with the other hand.

Pearsons cites two biographies as particularly useful in learning more about the Bard.

Shakespeare in London by Marchette Chute is one of the best known, although he found A.L. Rowse's *Shakespeare-The Man* more provocative. Rowse uncovered the very detailed records of an astrologer and fortune teller by the name of Foreman who, it seems, had a relationship with the lovely Emilia Bassano that went beyond interpreting her star charts.

Foreman's records coincide with enough of the known details of Shakespeare's life to give credibility to the rumored Shakespeare-Bassano affair. Pearsons suspects playwright Karen Sunde happened on to Rowse's work and was inspired to write *Dark Lady* as a result.

After becoming thoroughly immersed in the life and times of Shakespeare, Pearsons looked at the play in a whole new light. "These people became very real to me," he says. "Shakespeare always seemed stuffy and two-dimensional when looked at through the dry pages of English Lit class, and I found my actors interpreted him and his friends that way in early rehearsals. But through the research, I realized more clearly that people were much less formal and uptight than we imagine. They spent time in taverns and at parties, and enjoyed the bawdy joke as much as folks do now. So I tried to get the actors to think about themselves entering a tavern today, falling in love today, meeting an old friend today, and letting those very real and timeless human feelings come to the surface."

Pearsons says he enjoys period plays because there is so much to learn from them. "In contemporary plays," he notes, "you know what the clothes and furniture are going to look like. You know how people are going to behave towards each other. But in historical pieces, everything is 'new' in a sense. Clothing is different, so movement is different. Manners and mores dictate proper and improper behavior. It's fun and it's interesting for us—we hope our audiences feel the same way!"

Performances of *Dark Lady* are scheduled for February 20th, 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th and March 6th and 7th at 8:00 p.m. at Mapleton Hall in Suffield.



MARGIE SECORA of Southwick as Emilia Bassano and Ed Gogulski of Suffield as the Earl of Southampton in *Dark Lady*.

Proceeds from the February 29th performance will benefit the Eugene Biggio Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Reservations are recommended for all performances. For tickets call Pioneer Answering Service, (203) 627-5749. Ticket prices range from \$5 to \$12 depending on the performance; unpaid tickets are held at the door until 15 minutes before curtain.

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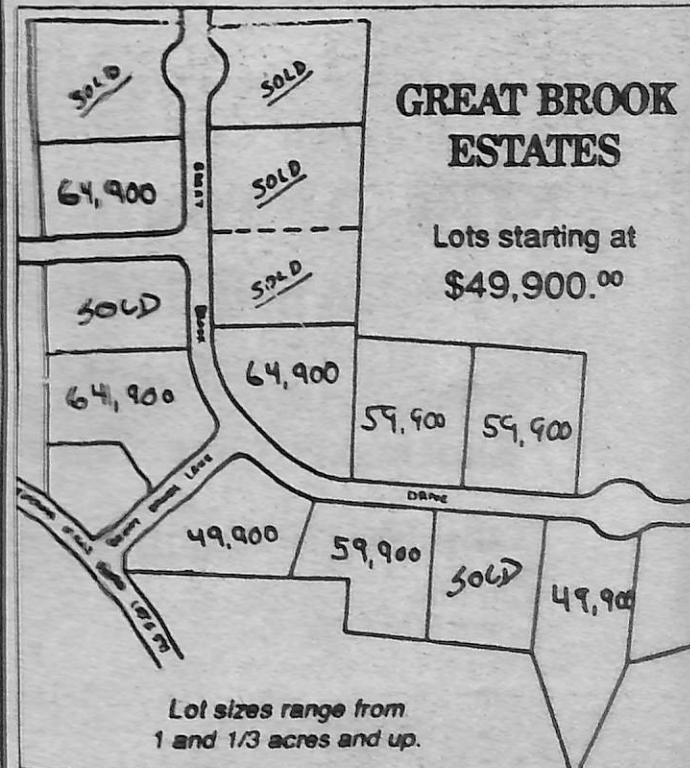
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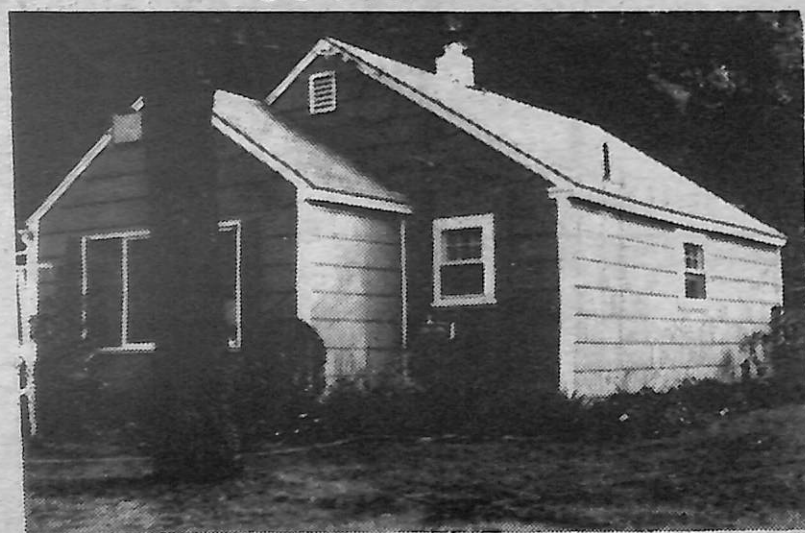
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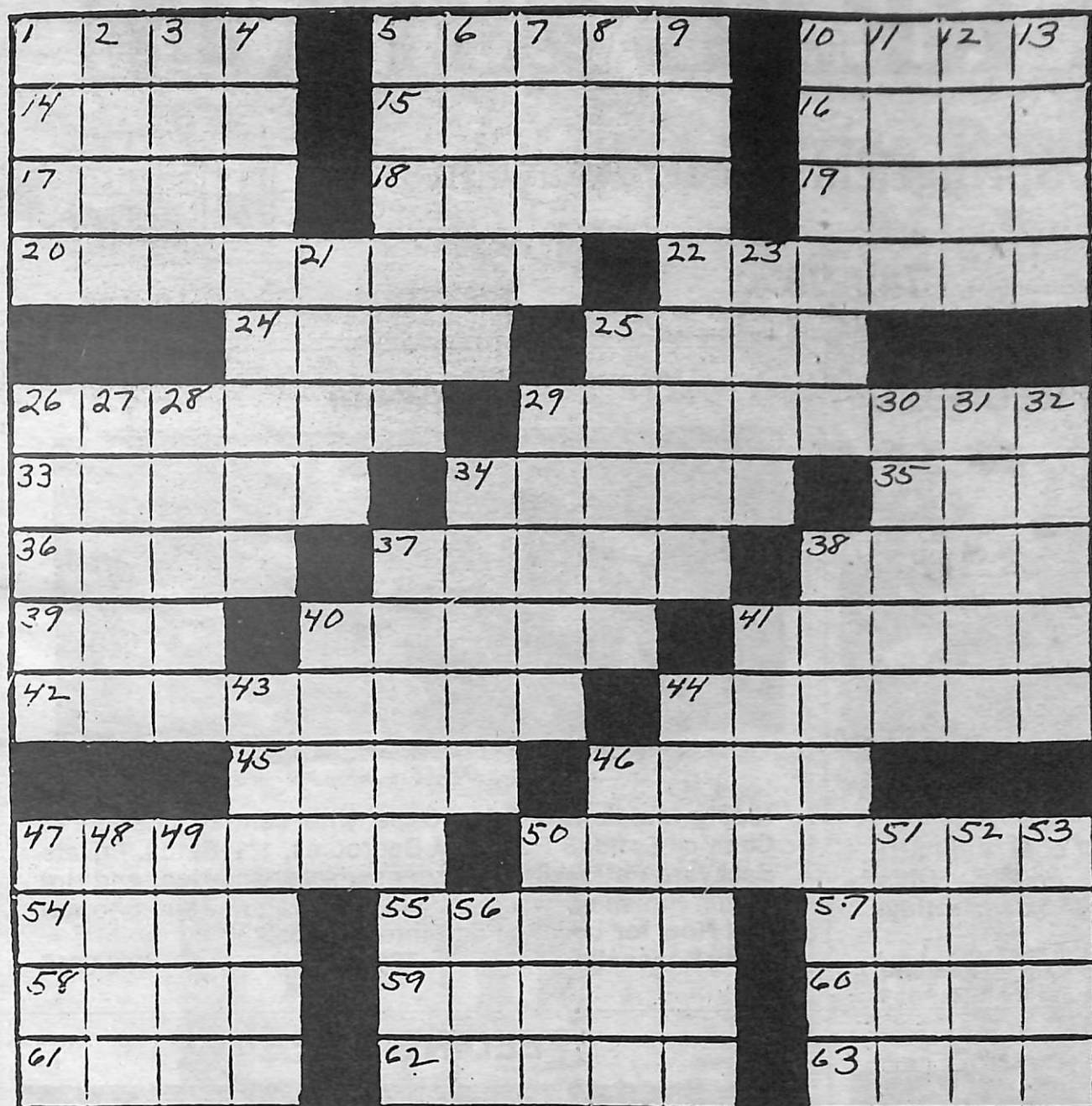


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Springfield Symphony To Present Feb. 29th "Solid Gold Symphony" With John Covelli

Maestro John Covelli will guest conduct the Springfield Symphony Orchestra in a concert of America's Solid Gold Pops on Saturday, February 29th, at 8:00 p.m. at Springfield Symphony Hall. Concertgoers will enjoy a wide variety of American classics ranging from Cole Porter's *Can Can* Overture to George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, featuring Mr. Covelli on the piano. This program is sponsored by Mass Mutual.

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra will be performing a number of golden hits from classic American pops composers. The program includes Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* Suite, Bernstein's *On The Town* Suite, and Grofe's *On The Trail* from *Grand Canyon* Suite, among others.

John Covelli began his musical career studying the piano, giving his first public performance at the age of five. At the age of nine he debuted with the Chicago Symphony. Mr. Covelli has won two prestigious piano competitions, the Queen Elisabeth of Brussels, Belgium, and the Busoni of Bolzano, Italy.

He is currently in his ninth year as Music Director and Conductor of the Binghamton Symphony and is the Music Director of the Greater Palm Beach Symphony. Mr. Covelli continues to guest conduct with major symphony orchestra, opera companies, and several major ballets throughout the country.

Audiences will remember John Covelli for leading the Springfield Symphony Orchestra in concerts the past two summers at Stanley Park in Westfield.

Tickets for America's Solid Gold Pops are priced from \$5 to \$29, and are now on sale at the Symphony Box Office located on the mezzanine level of Baystate West in Springfield.

For information or to charge by phone, call (413) 733-2291. Additional selected seats are on sale at local TicketMaster outlets. Senior, student and group discounts are available. This concert is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the Business Friends of the Arts.

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Sea Marks Opening At Stage West; Love Story With English Setting

For its next production, StageWest is presenting *Sea Marks*, a love story by Gardner McKay, which is scheduled to open Friday, February 21st, and continues through Sunday, March 15th.

Sea Marks, winner of the Los Angeles Drama Critics' Circle Award for Best Play, tells the touching story of Colm Primrose, an Irish fisherman from a remote village who courts a Welsh woman, Timothea Stiles, from Liverpool.

Colm goes to live with Timothea in the city and finds that he must balance his love for her with his longing for the simplicity of his life on the sea.

Sea Marks is being directed by Charles Towers. Mr. Towers has been the artistic director of Virginia Stage Company for the past eight years, where he has directed *Wetter Than Water*, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, *Waiting For Godot*, *Wedding Band*, and *Cat On a Hot Tin Roof*.

Playing the role of Colm the Irish fisherman is Christopher McHale, who returns to StageWest where he was last seen in *True West* and *The Rainmaker* during the 1984 season. Mr. McHale has also been seen in *Macbeth*, *Othello*, *Otherwise Engaged*, *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, *Julius Caesar*, and *King John* at such theatres as the New York Shakespeare Festival, Virginia Stage Company, Arena Stage, Yale Repertory Theatre, and the Philadelphia Drama Guild.

Mr. Guild can also be seen in the movies *F/X* and *Without a Trace*.

Rose Stockton is playing the role of Timothea. This marks Rose's StageWest debut. She had been seen in New York in *The Diaries of Adam & Eve* at the Triangle Theatre, and as Candida in *Candida*, Julia in *The Rivals*, and Silvia in *Two*

Gentlemen of Verona at the Pearl Theatre Company, where she was a company member for five seasons.

Ms. Stockton can be seen in the films *Two of a Kind*, *Silent Madness*, and the upcoming *Boomerang*.

The set for *Sea Marks* is designed by Peter Kallok, who also serves as Technical Director for StageWest. The costumes are being designed by resident costume designer Polly Byers, whose costumes have been seen this season in *Taking Steps* and *My Children! My Africa!*

David A. Strang, resident sound designer at StageWest, is designing the lighting and sound for *Sea Marks*. His lighting designs have been seen this season in *Hamlet* and *My Children! My Africa!*, and he has designed the sound for StageWest for the last five years.

Performances of *Sea Marks* are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.; and matinees at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4th; Saturday, March 14th; and Sundays, February 23rd, March 1st, 8th, and 15th.

StageWest is located at One Columbus Center in downtown Springfield. For more information about StageWest's production of *Sea Marks* or to purchase tickets (which range in price from \$10 to \$28, depending on the night and the seat location), contact the box office at 781-2340 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.

Student, senior citizen, and subscriber discounts are available. Group rates for 10 or more are available by calling Susan Samble at 781-4470. MasterCard and VISA are acceptable.

Agawam Repertory Theatre Seeking New Members From Community

The Agawam Repertory Theatre (A.R.T.) had its beginnings in Agawam and plans to be back next month. They are helping Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills to redo its recreational building into a stage for theater presentations.

A.R.T. members, however, seem to be getting old and tired; the group has been in existence since the 60's. They need a little more energy and enthusiasm from the community.

Would you like to participate in a community theater group? You don't have to be an actor; there are many places for you to help out! You could begin by coming up to the church hall on Saturday and lend us a hand with moving stuff, painting, hammering, etc.

We'll look for you about 9:00 a.m. Don't let this group get old and tired!

Check our classified pages each week



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Agawam Resident Stars In *Beyond Therapy*

The final production of Christopher Durang's *Beyond Therapy*, staged by DGR Productions, will take place on Saturday, February 22nd, at the Emmanuel Church, 761 Sumner Avenue, Springfield.

Starring Agawam resident Laura Lezon Scantlen and directed by Dennison Rice, the play is a comedy about therapists run amuck with patients close behind.

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Town Historian

The Libraries (Fourth Article In Series)

In 1905, article 22 in the Town warrant reads: "To see if the town will vote to accept a certain gift of real estate tendered it by Fred P. Halladay upon certain conditions imposed by him, and to appropriate money therefore."

A statement was received from Mr. Halladay. "I hereby offer to give to the inhabitants of the town of Agawam a certain piece of real estate with buildings thereon, situated in Feeding Hills, being bounded as follows; on the north by land of John Freeland; on the west by land of Judson Hastings; on the south by land of Sarah Flower, and of the Methodist Episcopal Society; and on the east by the highway.

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used for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Feeding Hills part of the town of Agawam.

This gift is made on condition that the Town of Agawam agrees to pay me \$10.00 per month so long as I live, and on further condition that in case I am survived by my wife, Lorinda Halladay, the same amount be paid to her during her life-time."

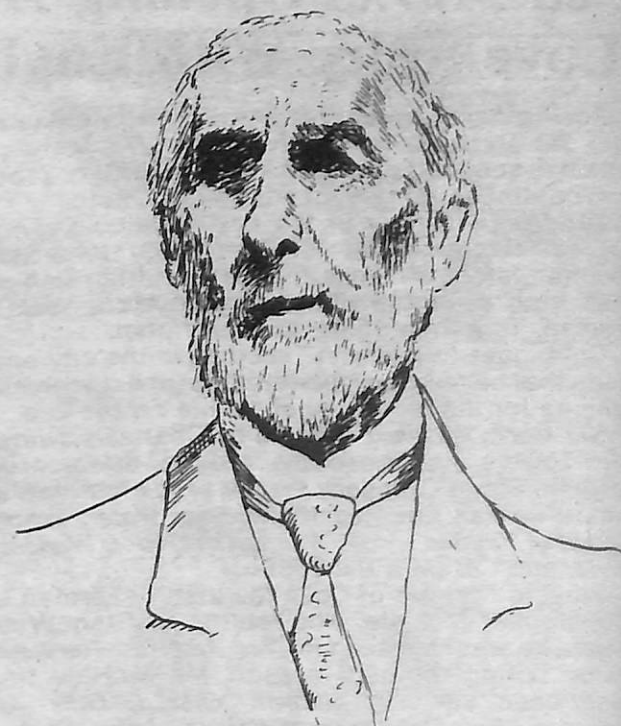
It was voted to accept the gift, that the Selectmen have control and care of the property, that \$300 be appropriated for care, maintenance, and carrying out the conditions of the gift.

The Selectmen reported spending a considerable sum that year to complete repairs on the building and also extended the thanks of the town to Mr. John Freeland for his gift of land upon which part of the building stands, as well as other land affording access to it.

Money was appropriated for this building: for taxes \$300, from liquor license money \$400, rent received \$68. The next year another \$100 was appropriated.

At first the library occupied the two south rooms of the first floor and the two north rooms were used as the town offices. When the first High School was built on Main Street, the town offices were moved there, and one of the rooms in the Halladay building was used by the Sealer of Weights and Measures and the other by the Post Office.

Eventually these were turned over to the Library, which now occupies the four rooms. One is used for children's books, one for non-fiction, one for fiction and the fourth for general use.



TOWN FATHER FRED P. HALLADAY
deeded property in Feeding Hills back in 1905
that was used for the Feeding Hills Library.

This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Plesyk
Advertiser News Staff

The final curtain couldn't fall soon enough on Richard Gere's newest flub, *Final Analysis*.

This time around, Gere is cast as a dashing psychiatrist whose couch is filled with the likes of Uma Thurman (whose problems are never totally clear) and her on-screen sister Kim Basinger.

Final Analysis is a twisted tale of whodunit and who didn't dunit, attempting some Hitchcock-style overtones and a few select Hitchcock rip-offs, with a lot of blatant foreshadowing and obvious turns of plot.

The issue is, of course, murder, and the catalyst is a rare malady called psychological intoxication. What that means is that a drop of alcohol—even contained in cough syrup or food—will send Basinger over the edge.

The question is: is this malady a reason to get away with murder?

The screenplay is a convoluted mystery with twists and turns that keeps one wondering just who really is the bad guy. And until the last frame, you don't know for sure.

That slight redeeming quality of uncertainty

(coupled with the chemistry between Gere and Basinger) is still too little, too late to help this film along.

Add to that some sloppy production values (I counted six glimpses of microphones, and I wasn't even looking for them).

Save time, money and energy and rent *Pretty Woman* or a dozen other earlier Gere films, and pop some corn in the kitchen.

What's hot? *JFK* continues to hold its own, drawing consistent audiences (albeit more adult audiences) as it reopens the 1963 presidential assassination to still more scrutiny by a curious public.

Kevin Costner is superb as the protagonist who's certain that there's more to the murder than Lee Harvey Oswald. Worth seeing a second time.

Father of the Bride continues to entertain, with Steve Martin giving a far better performance here (in the middle of middle age) than in the mediocre *Grand Canyon*. Try it for a laugh or two.

The Hand That Rocks the Cradle continues to be a

box office and personal favorite, with a terroristic tale of a widow wreaking vengeance on an unsuspecting all-American family. Rebecca DeMornay gives a chilling performance as the doer of all evil deeds.

Fried Green Tomatoes is my personal best of show, pitting Jessica Tandy and Kathy Bates as unlikely friends, with Tandy retelling her memories to create a story within a story. This is one show that is a "must see."

With *Beauty and the Beast*, Disney reaches a new height in animated entertainment. If you haven't seen it yet, see it now, even if you have to borrow the neighbor's kids for an excuse.

On the re-release circuit, *The Great Mouse Detective* returns to delight another generation of children. This Disney film parodies the great Sherlock Holmes and will charm and delight with its humor and charm.

Honorable mentions: *Shining Through* for its period style, and *Medicine Man* for Sean Connery and some terrific photography.

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*He was a man of integrity, and great strength of mind,
With prudence and honor, and love for God combined;
"The Father of His Country," they hailed him far and wide,
For he led them like a growing child, he was their constant guide;*

*He won their independence from Great Britain's mighty hold,
He led the Continental Army, against the enemy, strong and bold;
He brought great strength to the Union, binding them as one,
In the Continental Congress, his greatest work was done;*

*"First in war, First in peace, First in the hearts of his Countrymen,"
Echoes with pride, o'er the Virginia hills, over and over again;
He commanded the troops, secured the peace, brought freedom to the lands,
He suffered many adversities, breaking from Britain's command;*

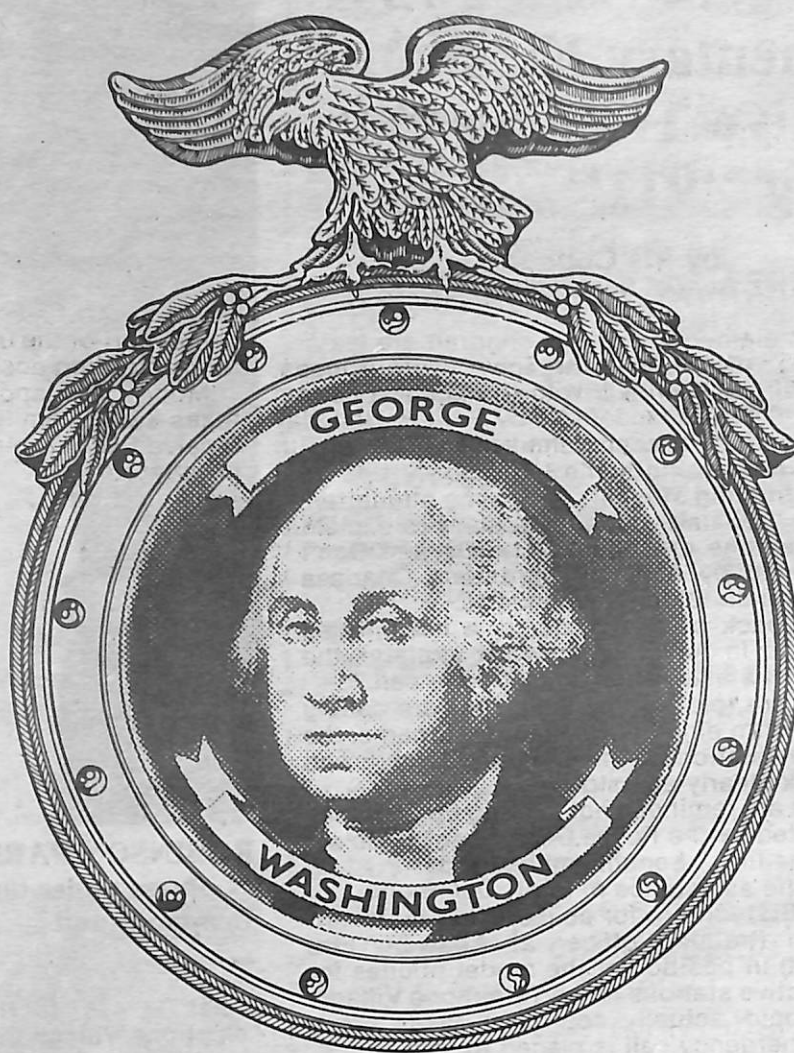
*The first president of America, left his mark upon this Earth,
He was loved and revered by all, for his deeds of noble worth;
We pay homage to George Washington, on this, his day of birth,
He gave all the best within himself, and made a better Earth;*

POST SCRIPT

*The Country, in silent sadness, with heavy-laden heart,
Laments in tears of sorrow, for their leader didst depart;
"The Father of our Country," will never be far away,
For we'll see him in all the beauty, that shines on us each day.*

WRITER'S NOTE: His good friend, Thomas Jefferson, said of George Washington: "His mind was great and powerful..." "No judgement was ever sounder"... "Perhaps the strongest feature in his character was prudence"... "His integrity was most pure"... "His justice, the most inflexible I have ever known"... "He was indeed, in every sense of the words, a wise and good and a great man"... "On the whole, his character was, in its mass, perfect"... "It may truly be said, that never did nature and fortune combine more perfectly, to make a man great"... (May we always remember his greatness.)

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Education

Elementary Kids Receive Training On Using "911"

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Agawam elementary school children are learning "what to do in an emergency" from Police Sergeant Alfred Longhi and the "911 Telephone Village."

Longhi is visiting each school with his visual aides and reinforcing some vital safety tips as well as instructing students in "phone etiquette."

He said, "We use two large posters to explain proper telephone procedure. The Do and Don't Birds (painted by AHS 1988 graduate Charissa Cartello) explain telephone etiquette."

"On the back of this poster is a list entitled 'What To Do In An Emergency.' It explains the steps to follow in an emergency phone call."

Children are told to: first state they are calling because it is an emergency; state their name, the nature and location of the emergency next; and try to speak clearly and slowly.

Students are reminded not to hang up until they are instructed by the Police Department to do so. "Stay on the line," Longhi emphasized.

With the assistance of Scott Demmons, (Westfield State Intern for police) and Lieutenant Jim Brown (training officer at Agawam Fire Department) in position at the model phones for their respective stations in the Telephone Village, children could actually see what takes place when an emergency call is placed to 911.

Both the police and fire department phones rang simultaneously, allowing a three-way conversation to save time during an emergency. Longhi said, "Every minute can mean a life and death situation during an emergency."

Longhi also explained that both departments now have a "lock line" for improper use of the emergency 911 line to keep callers on the line for tracing. He told students if they wanted to contact the Fire Department to ask a question (non-emergency information), they could call 786-2662,



ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL student Jennifer Miarecki practices using the "911" emergency phone under the watchful eye of Safety Officer Al Longhi. Answering the calls are Scott Demmons and Lt. Jim Brown, training officer for the Agawam Fire Dept. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

or dial 786-4767 for the Police Department.

Telephone Village Constructed Three Years Ago

Agawam's 911 Telephone Village was constructed by resident George Fontaine in 1989. Fontaine furnished the materials to make a fire station, police station, two homes, three telephone poles, and a fire hydrant. The miniature community is set upon a five-foot-long, 28-inch-wide wooden door for mobility.

Bruce Fitzgerald and installer Vernon Stork of the New England Telephone Company gave the village working street lights and a telephone system that is wired to a speaker. "The children can hear how the rotary phone or touchtone

sounds when they dial," said Longhi.

"It can be made to ring at '911,' or '0,' or any other number. We can present the program in any city or town in the area—even if they don't have the 911 emergency system."

Longhi also discussed the hazards of climbing telephone poles and the dangers of electrical wires. "We stress never to touch downed wires and the safety reasons for not breaking street lights," he said.

He concluded, "It is a good community project and it helps to take the apprehension out of children using the phone in an emergency."

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Quinnipiac College Dean's List Includes Christine Shoenborn & Karen Wright

Quinnipiac College of Hamden, Connecticut, today announced that Christine Shoenborn of 769 Main Street, Agawam, and Karen E. Wright, 28 North West Street, Feeding Hills, have been named to the full-time undergraduate Dean's Honor List for the recently completed fall semester.

Miss Shoenborn is majoring in occupational

therapy while Miss Wright is majoring in physical therapy.

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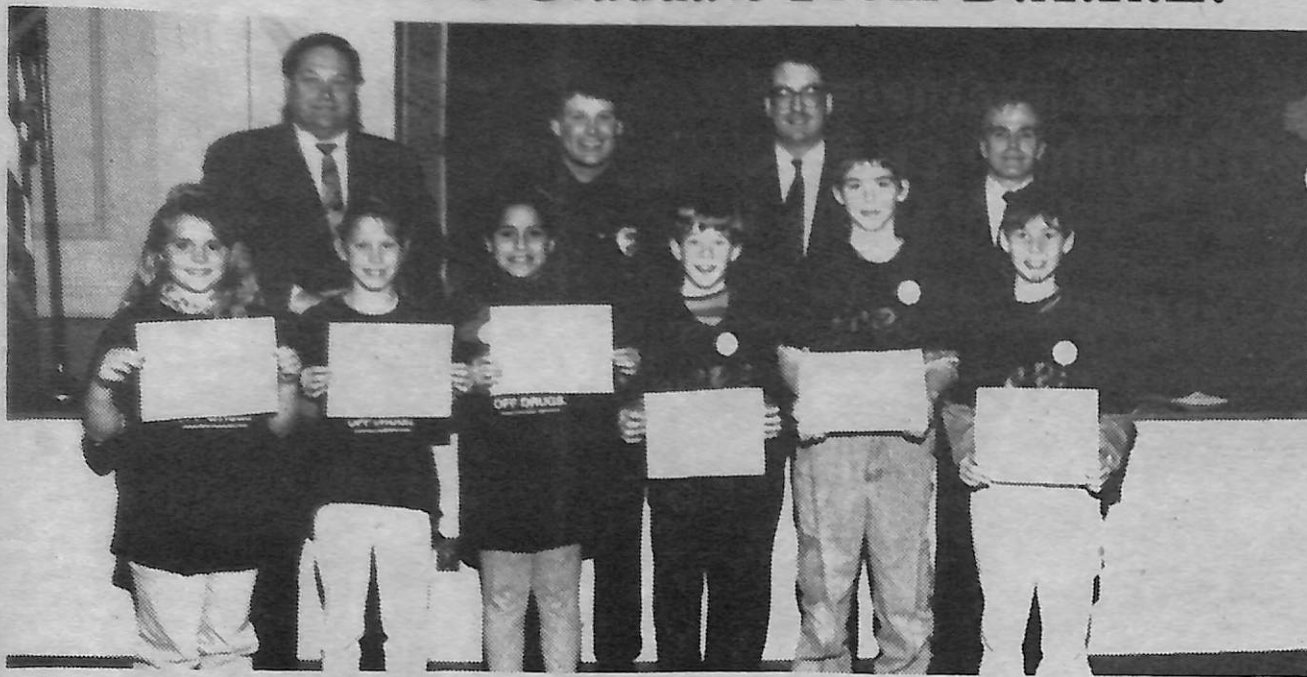
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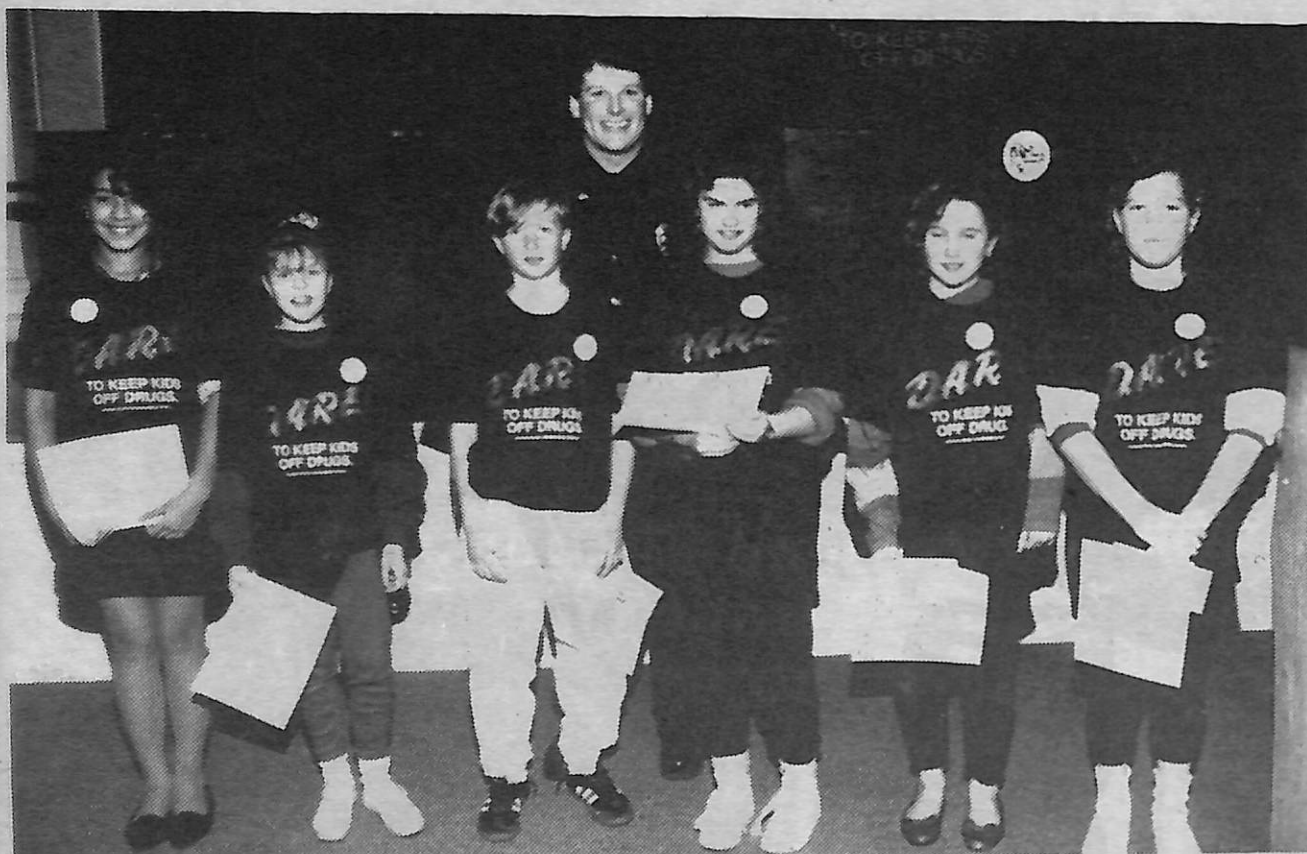
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Fifth Graders Graduate From D.A.R.E.



FIFTH GRADERS from the Agawam Middle School graduated from the Project D.A.R.E. Program on February 7th. Congratulating some of the 165 students dressed in their D.A.R.E. t-shirts are Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski (back, left), D.A.R.E. Officer Donald Gallerani, and Mayor Christopher C. Johnson. Kids in the photo are Sheri Lacasse, Alicia LeClair, Melissa Williams, Larry Hoague, Kevin Harrington, and Brian Howes. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



D.A.R.E. OFFICER DONALD GALLERANI congratulates special award winners from the Middle School who wrote essays on "What I learned from Project D.A.R.E. The students are, from left - Nikita Reshamwala, Kristin Pisano, Mike DeFilipi, Laura Tenerowicz, Alana Murphy, and Erin Hanley. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Wednesday, February 26th: Steamed frankfort in roll, Boston baked bean, cinnamon applesauce, chocolate cake with vanilla icing, milk.

Thursday, February 27th: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, Italian mixed vegetables, cherry crisp, milk.

Friday, February 28th: ½ tuna salad sandwich, baked macaroni with Kraft cheese sauce, seasoned carrot coins, chilled pears in juice or ice cream cup, milk.

NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Monday for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the **Agawam School Lunch**.

CHAMBER SCHOLARSHIP - from Page 1..

The students show this interest knowing that it may be a career they select later on. The student will be evaluated at the end of the experience. Once the student has participated in this project, he or she may apply for one of the two scholarships.

For more information regarding these two \$500 scholarships, please contact **Paul Cavallo**, Agawam High School Guidance Office.

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"Bookmark Contest" At Clark Encourages Library Participation

The James Clark School Library recently held a "Bookmark Contest." This was a project to have some fun with, and to encourage school and library participation. The response was wonderful.

According to Lori Bernier, Library Coordinator, the students had six weeks to make their bookmarks, using any materials they wished. The bookmarks were all very creative and the students showed a lot of imagination; there were paper ones and leather ones, some with feathers and buttons or seashells. (They were all very special.)

There was a total of 66 bookmarks submitted, with 12 winners (one from each classroom). They ranged from kindergarten through fourth grade.

The winners each received a personalized "Certificate of Award," and their winning bookmarks are in display in the school library.

Congratulations to all winners!

Kindergarten: A.M. session - **Alicia Linder**; P.M. session - **Neil Donah** and **Robbie Ventulett**; First Grade: **Katie Baum** and **Jocelyn Kraus**; Second Grade: **Catherine Sheehan** and **Kristie Woszczyna**; Third Grade: **Danielle Cardin**, **Keegan Clark**, and **John Minihan**; Fourth Grade: **Rosa Acevedo** and **Karen Hadden**.

A job well done to everyone who entered the contest—your efforts didn't go unnoticed, because all of your bookmarks were wonderful.

A special "thank you" to Mr. Rovelli and Mrs. Scherpa for taking time out of their busy schedules to help in the judging.



SHOWING OFF THEIR WINNING BOOKMARKS at James Clark School, are, top photo - **John Minihan, Danielle Cardin, Kristie Woszczyna, Alicia Linder, Katie Baum, and Catherine Sheehan.** **BOTTOM PHOTO**, from left - **Robbie Ventulett, Neil Donah, Jocelyn Kraus, Keegan Clark, Karen Hadden, and Rosa Acevedo.** Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Granger School PTO Planning Big Dance

Granger PTO is having a dance for parents, staff and friends of Granger School. The dance will be held on Saturday, February 29th, 1992, from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight. It is being held at Alexander's, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Music will be provided by DJ Ken Hill. Tickets are on sale for \$5 each and may be purchased at Granger's office, through any PTO board member, or by calling Sandy Dubay at 786-8055. There will be several door prizes and raffle prizes offered.

All profits from the dance will be put towards purchasing a new photocopier for Granger School. A new copier is greatly needed for the benefit of all our children.

Please support our efforts and help make this dance a huge success. Come dance your socks off; our copier is on its last legs. All are welcome to attend.

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GRANGER SCHOOL DAISY GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 525

We kicked off the year in October with a hayride at Pumpkin Valley Farms in Southwick. On January 22nd, the girls had their investiture and became official "Daisy Girl Scouts."

The girls went to visit Heritage Hall on February 5th to sing songs for the residents. They also brought gifts to give to some of the residents for their birthday. The girls also spent time decorating snowflakes to hang on the bulletin boards at Heritage Hall.

On March 11th, a trip is planned to Fitness First, where the girls will get a lesson in step aerobics and a swim in the pool.

PHELPS SCHOOL BROWNIE 546

On Sunday, January 26th, the troop held their investiture. Along with receiving their Brownie pins, the girls were awarded the try-it Safety patch, which they have worked very hard for.

We are in the process of adopting two grandmothers from Heritage Hall. Our next try-it patch we will be working on is called: Listening to the past. We are hoping to incorporate our new adoptive grandparents into working on our new patch.

Thanks to everyone who supported our troops by ordering girl scout cookies. Also, a thanks to our cookie moms and dads who helped make this yearly event possible.

NEWS & NOTES

Congratulations go to three Agawam scouts who have recently won recognitions and prizes in Pioneer Valley Girl Scout contests.

1. **Bridget Donovan**, Junior Troop 542—Pioneer Valley Photo Contest, highlighted at Big E Girl Scout booth, second-place winner in Brownie/Junior category.

2. **Carolyn Cilni**, Junior Troop 551—Winner of Council Holiday Contest, as such her design was used on the card sent to all registered adults in scouting for the holiday season.

3. **Nicole Megatalski**, Junior Troop 556 - National Environment Poster Contest for scouts, sponsored by Girl Scouts of USA and the National Museum of Women in the Arts; she was the first-place winner in the Junior Girl Scout division in the Pioneer Valley. As such, she received a certificate of recognition, a free 1992 one-day pass to Riverside Park, and a \$25 Camp Bonnie Brae/summer center gift certificate. Her design will now be entered into the national competition.

Special thanks to Chris Demetron, leader of Brownie Troop 553, for helping the Agawam unit out by expertly sewing two flags—Pioneer Valley Girl Scout flag and a World Association flag.

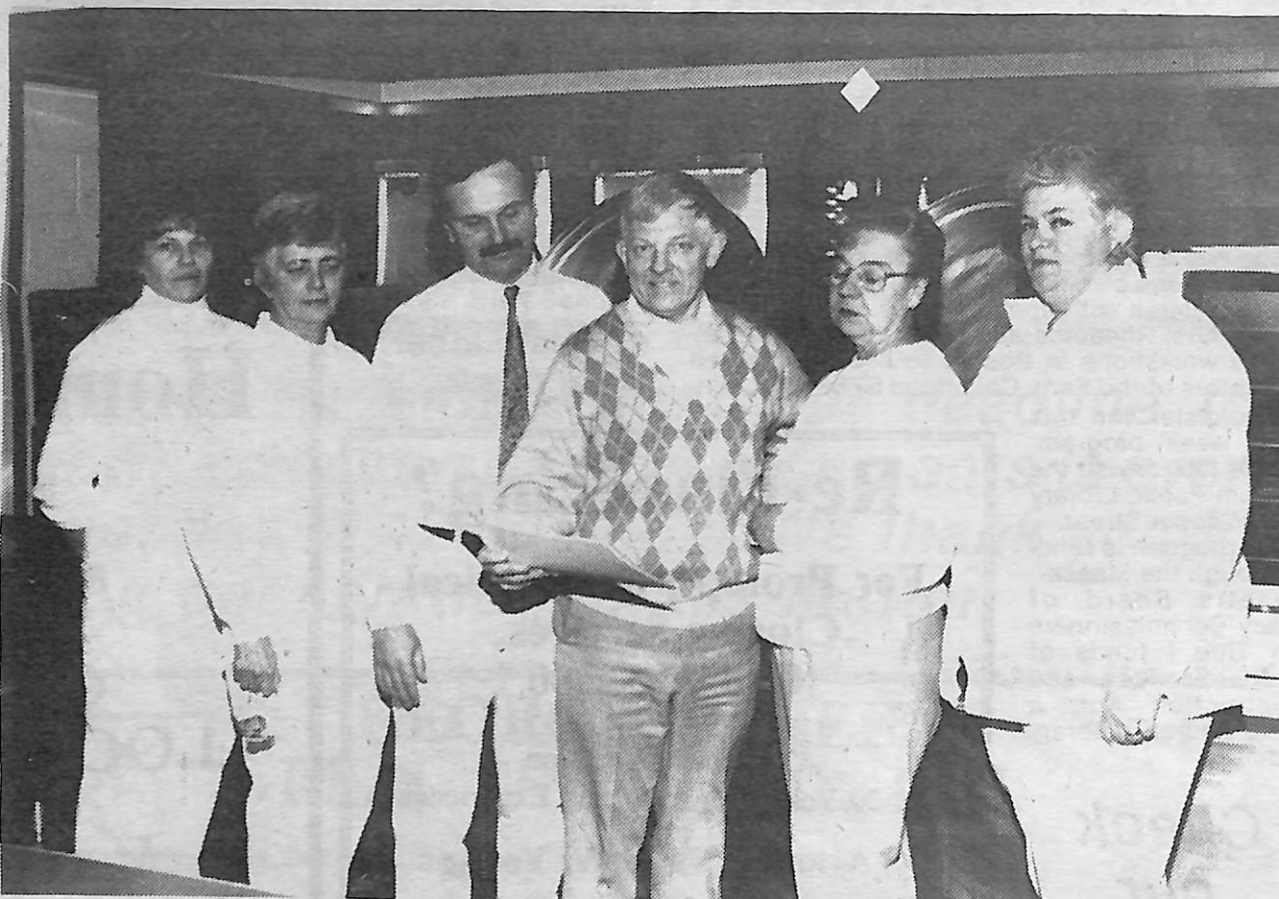
These flags are now available for all Agawam troops to borrow for their ceremonies, parades, etc.

Any troops with news to share, please contact Sue Meunier at 104 Franklin Street, Feeding Hills.

Health Dept. Recognizes Cafeteria Workers



THE AGAWAM HEALTH DEPT. recognized cafeteria workers who work so hard and loyally in the Agawam Schools. IN TOP PHOTO, from left - Elaine Della-Guistina, Clark; Cas Tryba, Health Dept.; Frank Godek, Food Services director; Christina L. Franco, Middle School; and Catherine Mocci, Phelps. PHOTO BELOW, from left - Pat Mercadante, Junior High; Sandy Haskins, Robinson; Cas Tryba and Frank Godek; Helen Carey, Granger, and Diane Haffke, Agawam High. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Parenting Course At Ag. Library Offered By 2 Town Teachers

One of the nation's most popular parent education programs is now available in a new format especially for parents of young children.

Early Childhood Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) will be offered at the Agawam Public Library in the Community Room for seven consecutive Tuesdays from March 3rd to April 14th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Early Childhood STEP is designed especially for parents whose children are newborn through age five. According to the program's authors, its objective is to help parents gain parenting skills, understand children's behavior, and build self-esteem, communication, and healthy family relationships.

Among the topics to be explored during the program's seven sessions are:

- how a child's personality, social skills, belief systems, and lifestyle develop as the child grows from baby to toddler to preschooler;
- misbehavior - what it is and what it is not;
- how to recognize the purpose of a child's misbehavior and deal with it;
- why rewards and punishments don't work (and what does);
- how to encourage cooperation, communication, social skills, and self-esteem;
- ways to handle crying, temper tantrums, toilet training, lying, jealousy, and public misbehavior.

The workshops will be conducted by Joyce Rheume and Teresa Urbinati of the Agawam School Department.

Mrs. Rheume has been an early childhood teacher at Phelps School and a teacher in the Agawam Early Childhood Integrated Preschool Program for over five years.

She has recently completed a master's degree in young children with special needs and has three children of her own. She has previously presented the STEP Program for elementary age children.

Mrs. Urbinati is presently a half-time preschool teacher and half-time programmer in the Early Childhood Program. She has 15 years teaching experience in preschool and kindergarten in various early childhood and public kindergartens.

She has a master's degree in Early Childhood Education and certification in early childhood and young children with special needs.

Both Mrs. Rheume and Mrs. Urbinati have attended workshops in Boston to become trained facilitators of the Early Childhood STEP Program.

To register for this seven week program, call 789-1550 or visit the Agawam Public Library at 750 Cooper Street.

This program is funded through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with Title I funds of Library Services and Construction Act, a federal source of library funding.

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JOSEPH PIGNATIELLO, chairman of the Outreach Committee for the Mass. State Science Fair, and Rosemarie Costa of Agawam, a science teacher at the Brookings School in Springfield, illustrate teamwork at the second MSSF Teacher Workshop.

Rosemarie Costa Of Agawam Participates In State Science Fair Demonstration

Rosemarie Costa of Agawam, a science teacher at the Brookings School in Springfield, participated in a demonstration at the 1992 Massachusetts State Science Fair (MSSF) with fellow teachers at this year's second MSSF Workshop.

The workshop, held recently at Springfield Technical Community College, also included the METRICS Program. Mrs. Costa met with her colleagues throughout the Springfield area to exchange information and to discuss her plans for this year's program at the Brookings School.

The MSSF Program broadens young adults' scientific knowledge and awareness by enabling high school students from across the state to work closely with teachers and mentors to develop experimental research projects.

The students will display their projects at a series of local and regional fairs. The winners from these fairs will compete for cash prizes, scholarships, internships, and a variety of science-oriented gifts at the MSSF slated for May 1st and 2nd.

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"Math-A-Thon" At Granger School Will Aid St. Jude's Kids

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Students at Granger Elementary School will participate this month in a "Math-A-Thon" to help raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Class representatives Catherine Andrews (kindergarten), Courtney Poirier (first grade), Amanda Brown (second grade), Todd Baumann (third grade), and Jessica Nelson (fourth grade) showed us the pledge sheet that will be used to collect contributions for their work in the official Math-A-Thon "Funbook."

Each student who registers will receive a "Funbook" with math problems, games, and puzzles designed for his/her grade level from school coordinator Cathy Heimann.

This is designed as a supplemental math program that helps students improve their math skills (in a fun way) while raising funds for the research of catastrophic childhood diseases (performed at St. Jude's Children's Hospital). There are over 200 math problems to be completed by students who participate.

Mrs. Heimann told us, "The children have an opportunity to improve their math skills and build self-esteem through helping other children."

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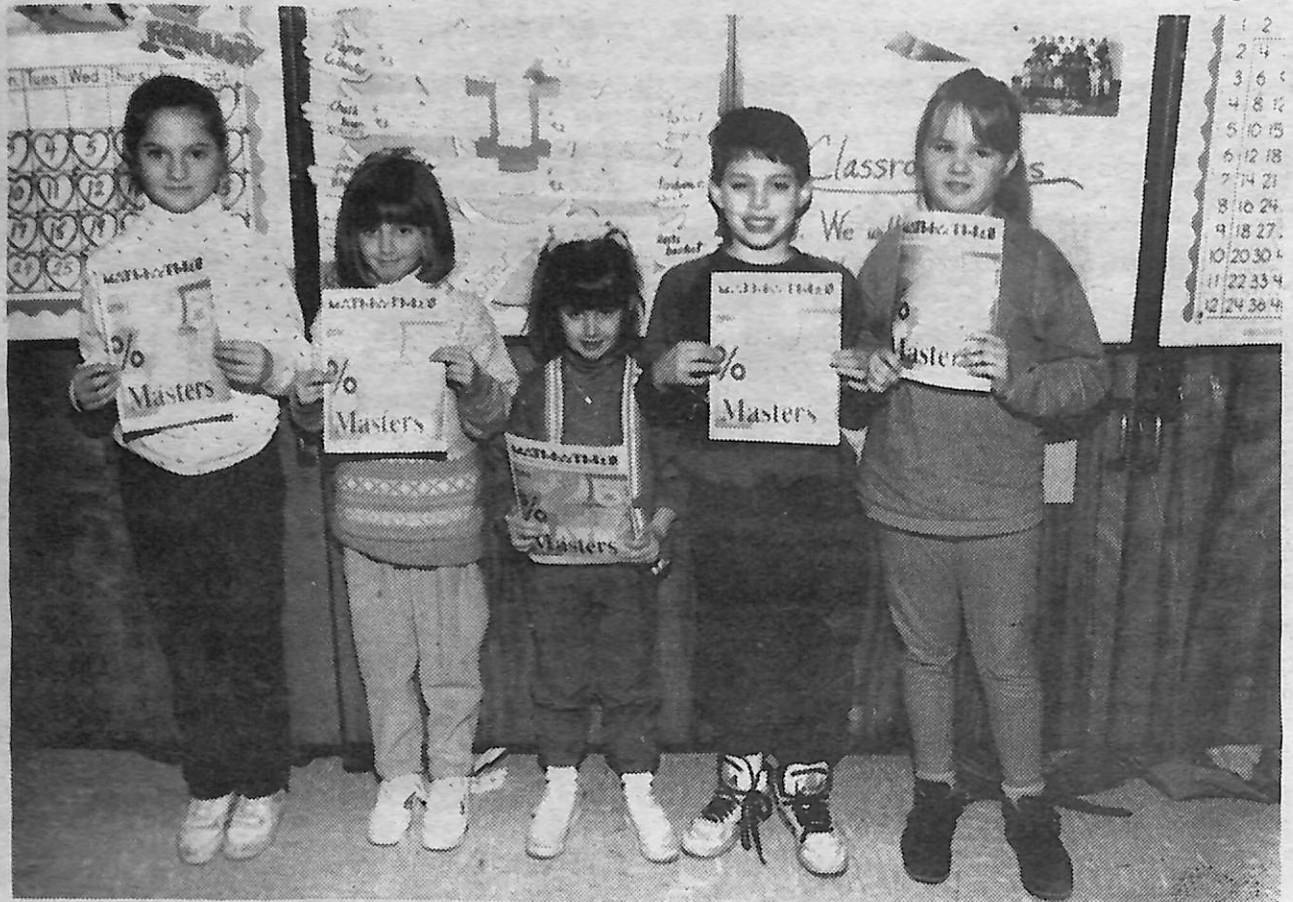
St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital is the largest childhood cancer research center in the USA and the largest pediatric facility in the world. Located in Memphis, Tennessee, it was founded by late entertainer Danny Thomas.

Every Granger student who participates in this project will receive a special certificate. Students who raised \$30 or more will receive a t-shirt as well as a certificate. A student who raises in excess of \$75 will receive a barrel tote bag in addition to the other awards.

Granger School will receive 15 pocket calculators if \$3,000 or more is collected from pledges. Schools raising \$5,000 or more will receive a VCR.

According to a spokesman for St. Jude's, each participant, including parents and teachers, will benefit and grow from the development of a strong sense of social awareness that only a cause like St. Jude Children's Hospital can generate.

The Math-A-Thon is supported by the National Math-A-Thon Council (a group of prominent nationwide educators), and by the American Association of School Administrators.



CLASS REPRESENTATIVES from Granger School who are participating in the "Math-A-Thon" to help raise funds for St. Jude Children's Hospital are, from left - Amanda Brown (second grade), Courtney Poirier (first grade), Catherine Andrews (kindergarten), Todd Baumann (third grade), and Jessica Nelson (fourth grade). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Katie DeBonville Selected As Musician For Bucknell University Production

Katrina DeBonville of Feeding Hills was a musician for the Bucknell University production of "The Alice Project: An Adventure in Environmental Performance." The work-in-progress used masked and unmasked actors, large and small puppets, and moving sculptures.

A first-year student majoring in music, Miss DeBonville is the daughter of John & Cathy DeBonville of 62 Charter Oak Drive, Feeding Hills. She is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School where she was a member of the National Honor

Society, editor of the school newspaper *MIRROR*, and a member of the school's marching band and concert band.

A Dean's List student, Miss DeBonville is a member of the Bucknell Band, Orchestra, and Wind Ensemble.

Bucknell University, located in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, is a highly-selective liberal arts institution with professional programs in engineering, management, and education.


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Robinson Park Grade 2, Christine Jeserski *My Valentine's Day Surprise*

It all started on the day before Valentine's Day. There was an awful snowstorm. You could even call it a blizzard! It was too hard to even sleep! I was twisting and turning all night. It was horrid and scary! When I woke up it was 6:00 A.M.! When I got to school, Mike, Eric and Ryan were at school and all saying the same thing. They were all saying that last night was horrid and scary! The snowstorm had snowed too much snow. Valentine's Day was cancelled.

Andrew Huffman

It was Valentine's Day in the land of Valentine. It was gloomy. All hearts were sad. Mrs. Heart and Mr. Heart and Candy Heart were sad because everyone in the land of Valentine did not like Valentine's Day. When Mr. Heart and Mrs. Heart went to cheer them up, it didn't work. There was only one thing that could cheer them up. "But what is it?" asked Mr. Heart. "I think I know what will cheer them up. If we give them a Valentine card," Mrs. Heart said. "O.K.," said Mr. Heart. Then they went to every house in the land of Valentine. Want to know something? It worked!!!

Meghan Beauchane

Once upon a time there was a family. It has a girl and a boy. Their names were Hunny and Marty. When they heard a knock at the door, there was a big box on the step. It was for the children. It was a big, big box and it was from their grandparents. The parents came in and said, "What's that?" They said, "I do not know. But I know who it is from." "Then why don't you open it?" So they did—it was a big candy heart.

Lauren Powell

Once there was a boy named Zack and a dog named Snoopy and a cat named Garfield. They were having a surprise party for Zack because it was his birthday. It is going to be fun, Snoopy



THE KIDS' KORNER CLASS of Christine Jeserski, grade two, Robinson Park School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

said. We will invite 19 people over to the party. We have to give the invitation today. They will come in their own cars and trucks. It will be tonight because Zack won't be here. Then when Zack came home, they jumped and said Surprise! It is a Surprise Party.

Jamie Suffriti

One day last year on Valentine's Day, my mom went out to get the mail. To my mom's surprise, the mail box was filled with Valentines for her. Then my mom came into the house. My dad, Kadie, Dandroff and I yelled "Surprise."

Fran Barrington

Bill was looking for a watch. He could not find one for his Grandmother. But he was happy because his Dad told him to go to Boston to get the watch. The next day Bill went to Boston to get the watch. On Valentine's Day, Grandmother came to visit us. I gave her the watch. She was happy.

William Clark

Once there was a kid named Jimmy. He loved Valentine's Day. One day he gave a love note to Charon. It was a Valentine heart. Charon loved the note. So she gave one to Jimmy. It said, "You're my Valentine. I love you." They saw each other and they kissed two times. They were happy.

Danielle Hebert

There are cards on Valentine's Day. There is candy on Valentine's Day. Sometimes people bring cake. At home I was thinking. You should be proud. You should like people.

Chanon Palm

One day it was Valentine's Day and my mom and dad picked up my surprise. It came here by a train. When my mom and dad got home, I opened my surprise. It was candy and it came with a card. We celebrated at home. I was happy. We had a party.

Paul Ruccio

Once there was two friends named Micky and Petunia. Petunia liked surprise. One day Petunia got a surprise in the mail to Petunia's house. No one had signed it. Then Micky walked in. "Who gave you those flowers and that card?" "I do not know," said Petunia. "I did," said Micky. "You did? I'm so happy. Thank you very much." Micky and Petunia went out to lunch and had a nice day.

Jenna Shea

It's Valentine's Day and the party is today. The food is here. All the children are waiting to start. The teacher starts with a three-foot box with the two-foot candy cupid. It's from Andrew. Then the kids start. Every kid passed out their cards.

Matthew Clak

Once upon a time there was a little boy. His name was Tom. He was playing outside. He saw a man. He was old. His mom did not see him. Because she was not there. He took the boy away. When his mom came back he was gone. The man had taken him to his Valentine Birthday and his mom was there.

Christina Edwards

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It was Valentine's Day and my mom had a surprise for me. I didn't know what it was. The next morning, she gave me a bear and I played with it. The next morning when I woke up, my bear was alive. He ran out the door and ran away.

Michael Hatmaker

I was in school when it started to snow. When I got home from school, my bird didn't chirp like she always did. I was worried. My mom was sick. In a few days she will be fine. I thought, I'll make a surprise for her. Tom, Jess, and Missy said they would help. They did. We all made a picture for her.

Richard Montagna

Once last year I got a Valentine's Day surprise. It was at 4:00 at a boy & girl party at the Birthday House's Valentine's Party. A boy named Christopher Semore asked if I'd like to dance. I said yes. He said it was a Valentine's Day surprise.

Melissa Perry

I like Valentine's Day because it has cards and all different kinds of things too. And Valentine's Day is sharing too.

Eric Stanislas

Laura went to the store one morning. Miss Bunny was coming to babysit. Laura told Bear to be a good bear. And when she got home they would make Valentine cookies. Bear like Miss Bunny best. When Miss Bunny got to Bear's house, they made cards for their relatives. Then they made pictures. They heard a knock at their door. It was Laura. She had come back from shopping. Bear told Laura that they made cards for their relatives. He asked Laura to mail them. Laura said yes. After that they made Valentine cookies. Bear got the cookie cutters. After they made the cookies, Bear and Laura made supper. And then when they finished supper, Bear asked how many days away is Valentine's Day. Laura said five days away. "OH GOOD!" said Bear. And when those five days passed, boy was Bear surprised to see that his relatives were standing in the living room. Bear ran to all of them and gave them a kiss and a hug.

Margaret Bulmer

There once was a girl named Amy. She lived in London. She was an orphan. But one day she had to leave because the orphanage had to be taken down for a new clothes store. She went up and down the streets looking for a home. She had to find a home soon because all she had was a rag dress half torn. She had just a little bread and a little water and a little bit of Valentine candy. All of it was from the leader of the orphanage. She felt very sick. But one day she found a rich man and asked him if she could just stay there for the winter. The man said no in a mean way. So Amy left. One month later, she came back. "Please, Mr. Sanders, could I?" "How did you know my name?" he interrupted. "I looked on your mail box." She asked to stay for a week. He said, "No

and that's final." "Fine," she said, and left. But the next day, Mr. Sanders came looking for the little girl. "Please come here," Mr. Sanders said. In five minutes she came. "What do you want?" she said. "I guess you can live with me." So she said, "Thank you." When she got to her new home, she unpacked her few things. Amy said, "This is the best Valentine present I ever had."

Jennifer Dobise

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Granger School Grade 2, Sandra Boyer

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My family means a lot to me because they keep me safe. They care for me and they provide shelter for me. On Valentine's Day, my family is special to me. They try to help me so much. On Valentine's Day I care for people that also celebrate Valentine's Day, too. I love Valentine's Day because it is a day for sharing and caring and to love others. I help care for others. I help to try so much to make sick people have a lot of happy feelings! I help to care for my family. I care for my family because they love me and give me food. I love my family for buying me clothes and keeping me warm and for everything they give or do for me.

Jonathan Sikes

My family is special to me because they care for me very much and I care for them. On Valentine's Day my family is kind to me because they give me shelter and they mean a lot to me. I love my family because they give me food and clothing. My family is wonderful to me and I am wonderful to them. Happy Valentine's Day!

Jessica Berrelli

On Valentine's Day, my family is special because they love my sister and I. My family shows love for my sister and I because they do lots of things for us. I care about them, too. My family is the joy of my life. They give us shelter, food, clothing, almost everything you could think of to keep a child loved and cared for and as happy as can be. My family means a lot to me because they do a lot for us and help the people that need help, just like Cub Scouts, Brownies, and Boy Scouts. They love the earth and the people on the earth. Happy Valentine's Day to my family.

Kristin Grant

My family is special to me because they love me, and I love them, too. They will love me on Valentine's Day and all year round, too. I love them for caring for me. I hope I never get separated from them. I love them very much. I like all the love they give me, and they mean a lot to me. Since I'm talking to them now, I would like to say thanks to my whole family for lots of love that you give to me. Thanks for all the things that you give me on Valentine's Day. I love you very much and think that you are the best family in the whole world.

Love, Jamie DelPeschio

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On Valentine's Day, my family is special to me because they help me when I need them. My family helps other people because they love them. My family gives me shelter, clothing, and food and good help when I need it. My family loves me when I am good, and they are proud of me.

Jason Callahan

My family is special because they love me with all their heart. On Valentine's Day, my family gives me Valentine cards that say, "Be mine." On Valentine's Day, my parents read me four different Valentine stories. They are special because they give me shelter and clothing and food. My family care for me all the time. My family keeps me company and keeps me safe from bad people and strangers. My family means a lot to me because they help me with my math facts that I do not know. My brother shares all the things that both of us want. My family has very good feelings about me.

Brian Knight

On Valentine's Day, my family is special because they love me, and I love them. On Valentine's Day, we share love and are special to one another. My family is caring, and I love them very much. My parents are very nice and sweet to me. Happy Valentine's Day!

Kristine Archambault

My family is special because they mean a lot to me. On Valentine's Day, I love my parents because they made me feel happy. I love my family because they give me lots of love. My parents keep me company and care for me. We are lucky that we have good food to eat. When I get Valentine cards from my family, it brightens up my day. I love my parents because they are very special to me. I love my parents when they bring me to dance lessons.

Jacquelyn Bennett

My family is special to me because they care for me. They provide the best food and clothing for me. They love me with all their hearts. We help each other. I like it when they invite company over. They are good to me. I like it a lot when my family helps me with my homework. We share everything together. I like to make things with my family. We make books together. We love each other.

Daniel O'Neill

My family means a lot to me because they care for me a lot. I think that they're the best family ever in the world. They love me very much. They share their love with me. I feel happy that I have a nice family.

Alex Morgan

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On Valentine's Day my family is special to me because we share a lot and we play together. We have a lot of food to eat and we help each other with work. This Valentine's Day I am going to make them a card that is in the shape of a heart. I hope that they like it a lot, and I hope this Valentine's Day is the best one we have.

Robert Sopet

My family means a lot to me because they are caring and understanding. They provide food and shelter. They take me to dancing every Tuesday. They keep me safe from getting hurt. They help me do a lot of things. My family keeps me company when I need it and I like them just the way they are.

Kathryn Feato

My family is special because they give me shelter, and they take care of me. They help us and they keep me safe from getting hurt. They keep me company. They give me clothing, and they really mean a lot to me. My parents love me very much. I love my brother very much, too. We have wonderful feelings about each other.

Brittany Shields

My family is special because they love me. My family is always good to me. I love my parents because they feed me and take good care of me. My parents keep me company.

Steven Turner

My family is special because we each care for our family and our brothers and sisters. Our family cares for us. We care by our heart. This year we are going to have a special Valentine's Day. We will make cards for each other and hang them up for Valentine's Day.

Lina Capaccio

My family means a lot to me because they give me food, shelter, and clothing. My family cares for me because I am part of the family. I love my family very much, and they love me, too. My family is special to me because they take good care of me. My mom and dad gave me an early Valentine present. It is a puppy.

Lindsey Obue



THE KIDS' KORNER CLASS OF SANDRA BOYER, Granger School, second grade. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

My family is special to me because they love me very much. They care for me a lot because they give me shelter and the food and the clothing that I need. They keep me safe. I love my parents because they take care of me.

Anna Ferrentino

My family is special because I love them very much. On Valentine's Day, I love my family because Valentine's Day is all about loving your family. On Valentine's Day, my family is special to me because they are my only very special family. My family means a lot to me because I love my family a lot.

Thomas Boisjolie

On Valentine's Day, my family is special to me because we will love and help each other. My family is special because we share things. My parents are helping me to share my things. My

family means a lot to me because I love my family. My family takes care of them.

Marcie Coogan

My family means a lot to me. On Valentine's Day, they all make me feel special because we all make cards for each other, and I get some, too. Sometimes the cards look like a heart. All the cards say "I love you." We all got a lot of valentines and all of them had a candy inside of them. I love my family and my family loves me.

Ricky Fattini

My family means a lot to me on Valentine's Day because it is a special holiday, and love spreads around my family on Valentine's Day. My family and I go out to dinner together on Valentine's Day, and then we go to see my grandparents. I love my family very much.

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Large Turnout At Granger School For "Dad's Supper"

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Hundreds of Granger Elementary School children and their families filtered in the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria to enjoy the annual Dad's Supper on Friday, Valentine's Day.

Granger School dads served an Italian cuisine of macaroni and meatballs with salad, bread, and a special dessert treat to all those in attendance. Coffee and juice were available as well.

Granger PTO Vice President Barry Ward was one of the dozen fathers that helped to coordinate the dinner, which has become an annual celebration fondly referred to as "The Dad's Love-In Supper." He said the price per family increased slightly this year to help absorb some of the rising costs of supplies for the meal.

The men made sure every detail, down to the dining area decorations, was in place. Red, white, and pink helium-filled balloons sprang up from the center of each table (covered with red-and-white-checked tablecloths).

The plasticware was wrapped in red napkins, and each of the "chefs" wore a special red jersey to distinguish their service to the crowds that poured in continuously from 5:30 p.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m. that evening. Radio announcer Jack O'Neill raffled off prizes to lucky ticketholders, and all enjoyed socializing.

Tae Kwon-Do Demonstration

At 7:15 p.m., there was a Tae Kwon-Do demonstration of Korean self-defense for everyone to enjoy on-stage in the auditorium. Third Degree Black Belt and Chief Instructor Ray Shugart introduced his students from Hwang's School of Tae Kwon-Do, located at 680 Springfield Street in Agawam. Shugart is the owner of the school.

His students demonstrated free sparring, self-defense moves, and the favorite display of "board breaking" with kicks. Shugart ended the demonstration with the flow of movements using "chops" of the hands and feet to break through two boards each time.

He told the audience the benefits of Tae Kwon-Do included "aerobic conditioning, muscular development, flexibility, coordination, confidence, and stress relief."

"Read Aloud" Again Huge Success For Robinson Park

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The Robinson Park Elementary School once again held its Annual "Read Aloud Program" through the efforts of the school's Adelphi Team.

Robinson Principal William Sapelli was thrilled with the participation of over 200 parents, grandparents, other relatives, and friends who took the time to show children how important reading is throughout their lives.

The "celebrity" list of Read Aloud volunteers who came to the school to read a book(s) to classes included Barbara Skolnick, retired Robinson Park principal; Mayor Christopher C. Johnson; Jessie D. Fuller, Town Council president; Richard Theroux, town clerk; Teresa Kozloski, Linda Galarneau, Susan Pettazzoni, and Louise David, all School Committee members.

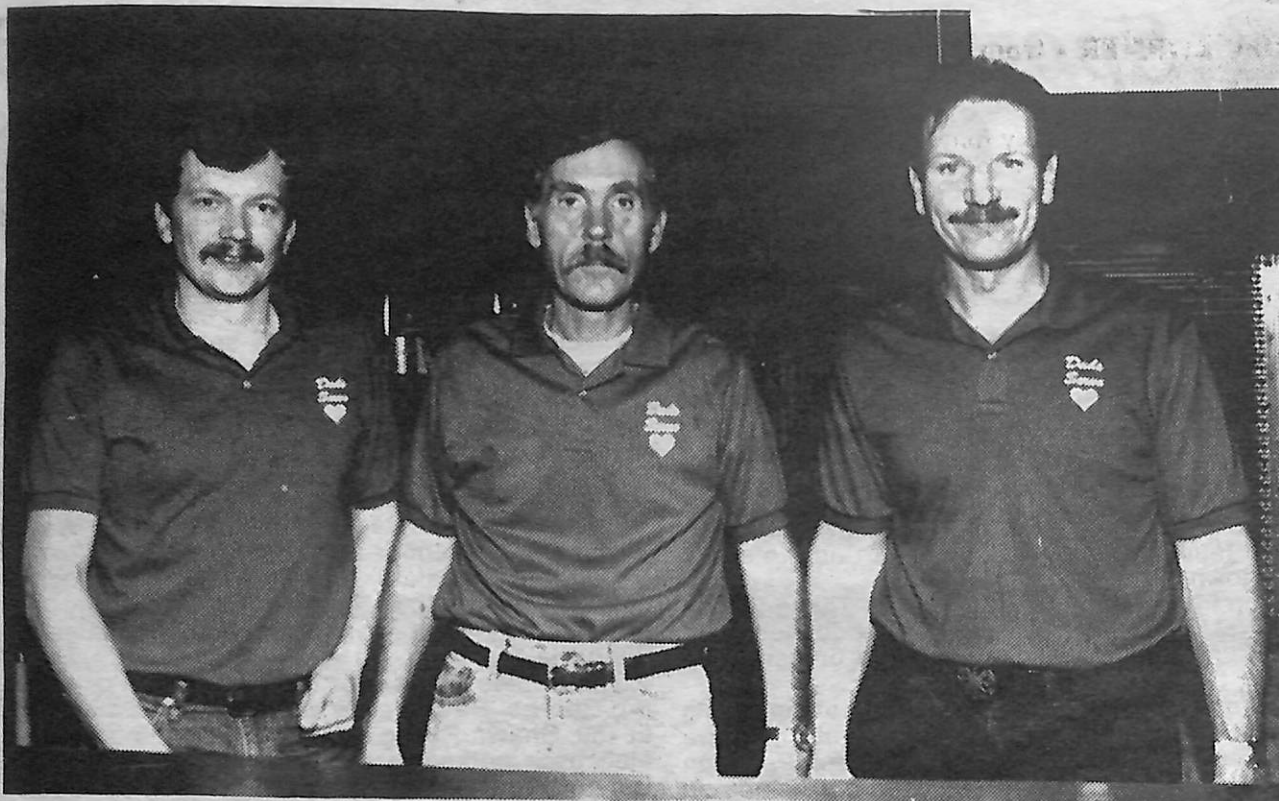
Also, Paul Sutton, TV-40 weatherman and town resident; Rosemary Sandlin, former School Committee member and administrative aide to State Senator Linda J. Melconian; Donald Charest, associate superintendent of schools; and Richard Sardella, editor/publisher of *The Agawam Advertiser News*.

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GRANGER SCHOOL DADS Bob Sabola (left), Barry Ward, and Karl Schmaelzle were part of the kitchen crew at the Annual "Dad's Supper" on February 14th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FORMER ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL PRINCIPAL Barbara Skolnick "Reads Aloud" to Room 20 students Billy Nowell, Jeffrey Pickett, Alrie Dosek, and Allison Davis. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Sapelli said the "celebrity" list was longer each year and was not meant as a slight to anyone he could not recall "off the top of my head."

The incentive behind the month-long program is that concentrated reading may become habitual for these young students throughout their lives.

Sapelli added, "We encourage parents and

children to read to each other at home in the evening as well. The idea is to have families reading to each other."

In January, invitations are sent out to senior citizens and local community leaders asking them to the school to read to the children.

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Sports

Central Stops AHS Streak At 49 With Convincing 37-20 Verdict On Mats

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

BEWARE, CONVENIENCE STORE OWNERS! They'll be coming to your stores this weekend. Some will be wearing dark glasses with hats pulled down over their eyes. Others will buy a lottery ticket or a loaf of bread. They'll find some excuse to stop by an Agawam convenience store.

Oh, and by the way, let me grab one of these *Agawam Advertiser News* that you have here. I've been thinking about looking for an apartment in this town.

Don't be fooled; don't be duped. These will be Central High School wrestlers, coaches, and wrestling fans. The spell has been broken. Ding dong, the wicked witch is dead!

After 49 consecutive wins, those mean young kids with those god-awful orange uniforms have finally been tamed. In Central's Russell Peterson Gymnasium, the Golden Eagles laid a licking on the kids from Agawam High last Wednesday night in Springfield.

I don't know why I am bothering to write this article. Almost everybody from Agawam was there anyway. They could write their own article, I suppose.

But, Central didn't just beat Agawam. They beat them by more than two touchdowns. The scoreboard displayed the ugly facts at the end: Central 37, Agawam 20.

A Most Unusual Night

The five-time defending champion Brownies were never really in the meet. It was a most unusual night. The Junior Varsity had to work like the devil and never locked the JV meet until Chad Saliba held on for a 2-0 win that gave the visitors a 31-26 win.

The Agawam varsity hit the floor and did their warmup. Mike Cooper completed the ring of the Round Circle with a crowd-pleasing back flip and everybody figured that things would be all right.

Still, there were murmurs in the crowd: "Is tonight the night?"

People confided in one another: "Oh sure, we'll win. That forfeit at 103 will make it tougher, but we'll win." "Hey, did you hear that McLaughlin might wrestle at 152, and that means that we'll have to bump Stu McGregor up to 160." "They look tough; do you really think that we'll beat 'em?" "Oh yeah, it will be tougher than usual, but we'll get them."

Central came out next. They put out the lights and put on the strobes. They played music loud enough to break the ear drums and listened to the Agawam fans tell them how much they resemble

a vacuum cleaner. It was very spirited early.

You had to wonder if there would be any controversy. A close meet would surely throw the spotlight on the referee. But, there was no controversy. Just a systematic, methodical Central romp.

State's "Power Base" In The West This Year

It appears the State's power base is in the West this year. Agawam had travelled to hell and back throughout the state, looking for the best competition. Funny that they wound up getting all they wanted—and more—in the gymnasium in Springfield.

The Eagles didn't beat Nickie or Coop or even Big George. Dave McKay wrestled a great match at 160; Shawn Rising was terrific at 125; and Stu McGregor worked hard for a win at 152. But, Central got the forfeit at 103 and then zoomed to the big 15-0 lead with a win at 112 and a pin at 119.

Agawam absolutely needed the wins at 130 and 140 from two of their top performers. Cooper, a defending Western Mass champ at 130, wrestled a dogfight with Dmitry Shlemanov and it wound up in a 4-4 draw.

Shlemanov, also undefeated, hit a Japanese Whizzer in the second period and threw Cooper to his back for a 4-0 lead. Later, Shlemanov tried to hit it again, but Cooper caught him and got his own takedown.

It was a great match, probably to be repeated in the Western Mass finals, but it served to allow Central to maintain their lead without losing a precious point.

Golden Eagles Up 23-5

Dan Lisana pinned Nathan Wood at 135 and the Golden Eagles were up 23-5. Out came Mike Bryant to do his dance at 140, but Jason Sleeper jumped fast to a 5-0 lead and though Bryant rolled pretty well the rest of the way, he got topped 11-6.

Next, it was time to contend with defending State Champion Darby McLaughlin, and he pounded away at 145 to the tune of a 17-2 technical fall and the math became very easy to do.

The Brownies needed four pins and a win by decision in the final five matches or the streak was over. McGregor won 4-3 at 152, which meant that the final four matches had to be wins by fall for the Brownies.

McKay wrestled his collective heart out in one of his best all-time, six-minute matches, but an 8-7 win was little consolation for him as the Eagles had locked up the victory.

It was academic when Mike DaSilva got stuck at 171. Nick Langone powered to a pin in 3:29 to close the gap to 37-17.

And, while George Ghareeb was outworking defending Western Mass Champion Avery Mock at heavyweight, the Agawam fans were streaming from the stands and heading for the exits. Ghareeb won the match 5-3 to lock up the number one seed at Western Mass.

Cooper should get number one seed, Langone will get one for sure, and Ghareeb earned his on Wednesday night. Those were the lone bright spots for Agawam on a starry evening for Central.

"Great Win For My Kids"

After celebrating with his troops, Central coach Dan McLaughlin told the *AAN*, "It was a great, great win for my kids and for me and my staff. This was the first year that we didn't lose anybody to the 1F rule."

"Last year, for instance, we lost five starters. I'm not saying that we would have beaten that Agawam team, but losing those five didn't help us either."

McLaughlin went on to say that this would be his last year at Central wrestling: "My son (Darby) is going to be a freshman somewhere and I want to watch him wrestle."

When asked if they did anything special to arouse the kids for Agawam, he replied, "Not really; they knew their individual assignments, and they knew that they had to focus on their own match. They did that and we came through it nicely."

McLaughlin was quick to point out that he still owns a 10-6 record against Agawam, dating back to his days at Classical High School.

"It Had To End Somewhere"

Agawam coach Phil Tomkiel told the *AAN*, "It was a hell of a run and a helluva lot of fun. It had to end somewhere. I've been telling people all year that Central was going to be tough. Now, our task is to get ready for Western Mass and get our kids in tip top condition and ready to wrestle."

Western Massachusetts will settle its high school wrestling championships on the mats of Ludlow High School next Friday and Saturday. Any predictions, Phil?

"I think we didn't wrestle as well as we can. I think Central rose up to win this meet tonight. If things level off a little bit, we'll have an opportunity to defend."

Brownies In Unfamiliar Underdog Role When Seeking 6th Straight Wrestling Title This Weekend

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

It's hard to believe. Very hard to believe.

When the Western Mass. High School Wrestling Tournament begins on Friday afternoon, February 21st, at Ludlow High School, the Agawam High Brownies will be cast solidly in the underdog role.

Yes. This is the same Brownies who had won 49 straight regular season meets, 94 of 96 and five straight Western Mass. titles.

Yes. All because of the sins of one Wednesday night in February (Feb. 12th). The Brownies must face their own personal Simon Barsinister in the tournament they have owned for the past five years.

In this case, Simon Barsinister is the team from

Springfield Central High. The Golden Eagles laid a whipping on Agawam in Springfield on that Wednesday night. By virtue of that victory, Central grapplers completed an undefeated regular season and leapfrogged over AHS in the seedings for the tournament.

The seedings are as follows:

103 pounds, MATT BRYANT, 5th seed;
112 pounds, JOE LOUDFOOT, 4th seed;
119 pounds, PAT BROWN, 3rd seed;
125 pounds, SHAWN RISING, 3rd seed;
130 pounds, MIKE COOPER, 1st seed;
135 pounds, NATHAN WOOD, 4th seed;
140 pounds, MIKE BRYANT, 2nd seed;
145 pounds, VIN PETRANGELO, 5th seed;

152 pounds, STU MCGREGOR, 2nd seed;
160 pounds, DAVE MCKAY, 3rd seed;
171 pounds, MIKE DASILVA, 3rd seed;
189 pounds, NICK LANGONE, 1st seed;
Heavyweight, GEORGE GHAREEB, 1st seed.

Coach Phil Tomkiel told us Tuesday morning about the Western Mass. Tournament, "We had one of our best and most intense practices in years on Monday. I've never wanted to win a tournament so badly in my life. We have some pretty lofty goals for this weekend. We want to come out and just dominate this tournament."

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AHS Hoopsters Tough-Out 72-65 OT Win At Always Tough Longmeadow High

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

There were 16 times during regulation play that the Agawam High Brownies and the Longmeadow High Lancers were in a tie ballgame. So it shouldn't have surprised anybody in attendance that the game would be settled in overtime.

It took the extra session, but the Brownies scrapped out a 72-65 victory and remained in a tie with West Springfield for the Valley Wheel lead with two games left in the season.

The win pushes Agawam back to the .500 mark (9-9) for the first time since their sixth game of the season and it leaves them with a 6-2 record in the Wheel.

It would be junior Jason Blackburn who would leave the building with the game's first star based on his seven points in overtime. He led all scorers with 20 in the game.

But, it was Dave Desimone's three-point, game-tying launch from the right corner that put Agawam back into the contest in the first place. Following the prime time bucket, Brendon Gallagher rose up on the defensive end of the court and swatted away several Lancers' game-winning shots as time expired.

A Well-Balanced Attack

The Brownies followed up a superlative effort at home against Minnechaug with another well-balanced attack. Blackburn had 20; Desi had 15; Joe Gaylor had a dozen; and Gallagher knocked in 19 before fouling out with 2:17 to go in OT.

Nip and Tuck themselves might never have played a more competitive half than the Lancers and Brownies did in the first stanza.

Right after the Kid with the Pink Guitar played the anthem, the teams went toe to toe and there was little to choose at all during the first half. Neither team ever had a lead larger than three points, and there were nine ties.

As a matter of fact, Joe Gaylor made one of two free throws with 0.4 showing on the clock to give Agawam a 31-30 lead at halftime. Gallagher had already scored a dozen at halftime, as he was the main cog early in the ballgame.

Steve McCall, a senior guard for Longmeadow, hit a jumper to tie the game at 28-28 just before the half for his first two points of the game. He seemed to use that hoop as his own personal rallying cry.

He came out very offensive-minded in the second half, and it looked like it might cause Agawam some problems. He began to look for his

shot—and hit it. It also served to open up the painted area a little more for the Lancer baseline brigade.

With Matt McGuire and Brian Shara working hard on the box, McCall fueled a little Lancer run that put the home team ahead 43-38 at 10:42.

The Brownies came right back on free throws by Blackburn, a layup and a free throw by Gallagher to tie it. Desi hit a little 12-footer off an inbounds play as Play No. 48 in coach Mike Martin's playbook worked to perfection. Agawam led it 45-43 with 8:25 to play.

Brownies' Lead Swells, 49-43

Gaylor and Gallagher each found the range in close to push the lead to 49-43. Both big guys were working hard underneath the offensive glass, but they couldn't throw a boat in the ocean over a two- or three-minute span.

Between them, they probably missed six layups in that stretch that could have extended the Brownie lead.

The 11-0 Brownie surge was interrupted by a Jeff Kramer free throw, but Desi came right back with a crowd-involving, twisting underhand scoop at 6:03 that seemed to signal Longmeadow that the rout was on. Agawam led it 51-44.

Martin wanted to rest Gallagher at that moment and he brought the big center to the bench. Longmeadow went right to work and tied the game as McGuire, McCall, and Todd Levine did the damage.

Gallagher re-entered and the Brownies got down to business again. Desi made two free throws at 3:47 to put Agawam back up by a deuce, 53-51.

McGuire knotted the game with a pair of free throws before McCall hit a huge pull-up J that had the Lancers back on top, 55-53. Gallagher tied it with his final hoop of the night on a feed from Desi.

It didn't look like Agawam's night when Levine hooked one in from the paint. The shot hit the front rim, the backboard, the front rim again, and then fell through. But, Desi again showed his

prime time ability as he broke away following a Gallagher strip out near center court.

Jeff Glenn got the second consecutive Lancer odd opportunity when he collected a corner shot that hit the side of the blackboard and caromed right out in front! Glenn banked it in and the Lancers leapfrogged back into the lead at 59-57.

The next few seconds had Martin looking for his medicine cabinet or a bridge. He called time out and designed a play. The kids went back onto the floor and lined up incorrectly. He called another time out and set up another one.

This time, the Agawam kids threw away the inbounds pass and were forced to foul Mike Kotwicki of Longmeadow. It seemed all but over. It might have been if Kotwicki had made two free throws. He didn't. He made the first and Agawam was down 60-57.

It was then that Desi came up with the big swisher from three-point land, and Gallagher came up with his big blocks.

Now In Overtime

To OT, they went. Blackburn got fouled just one second into the extra period and made two free throws. He followed with another hoop as he drove to the goal after getting a feed from Gallagher, who had just made another theft.

McGuire answered with a free throw, but Blackburn nailed a little runner for his sixth point of the period.

Longmeadow hung around as they kept making the ones they needed to make, but Brownie free throw shooting by Tommy Briggs, Gaylor, and Blackburn was enough to get the win.

They had to work, and they worked hard. The lunchpails and the sweat turned the trick again. It's always nice to get something that you worked hard to achieve.

And, the Brownies have destiny in their own hands. They play both of the Valley Wheel powers this week. They travelled to Chicopee Comp Tuesday (story this edition), and then conclude the regular season with a home game versus West Springfield at presstime.

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Tomkiel added, "The semifinals on Saturday could be a lot of fun if all goes well in the quarterfinals. We have a chance to run up some very big scores this weekend and we realize that Central has a chance to be right there with us. We'll have to wrestle well."

And so it goes. Underdog and Simon Barinister squaring-off in Ludlow this weekend for all the Western Mass. marbles. Preliminary rounds get underway at approximately 3:00 p.m. on Friday, with the quarterfinals scheduled immediately after.

Semifinals, consolations, and finals will all be wrestled on Saturday.

Ag. Little League Sets Open Meeting March 3

All parents of children/coaches who plan on participating in Agawam Little League baseball in the spring are encouraged to attend an open meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W., South Street, Agawam.

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Seven-Goal Third Period Pushes AHS To 9-1 Shellacking Of Minnechaug

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

It was a day for padding your stats on offense and you would have never known it at the end of two periods.

Agawam High put on its biggest offensive show in years as the locals slapped home seven third period goals en route to a 9-1 pummeling of Minnechaug Regional High on Monday afternoon at the Olympia Rink in West Springfield.

The Brownies were locked-up in an excellent battle before the resounding offensive flurry in the final period. They played a fine first period and got on the scoreboard twice on a couple of pretty goals.

Scott Bracci scored on a gorgeous feed at the right faceoff circle from Bob Peloquin. Bracci, camped to the left of the crease, simply redirected it into the open side of the cage at 4:42.

At 7:43, the lead grew to two goals when Craig Waryasz (two goals) converted a Ben Benton feed when he snapped off a quick wrist to the goalkeeper's stick side.

Agawam carried much of the play and looked good when the period expired.

Second Period Belonged To Falcons

The second period belonged to the Falcons. They skated hard and appeared to be getting back into the game. When an Agawam defenseman was stripped of the puck at the blue line at 5:17, it hurt.

Kevin Tabb raced in on goalie Jason Rocca and steered one into the top corner to divide the lead in half (2-1). Minnechaug got a power play at the same time and began to crank it up. A big skater named Courtney rocked a big slapper on Rocca at 8:30, but the tender made the stop.

A minute later, Benton was away alone for AHS but he got stoned cold as he tried to flip one over the goalie. The period ended 2-1 and Minnechaug seemed to have all the momentum.

A goalie change in the third period for the Falcons ultimately spelled their doom. Several altercations late in the second period near the crease caused the Falcons' coach to relieve his goalkeeper.

Whether it was due to injury or discipline was not known at rinkside. Whatever the reason, the Brownies took full advantage.

Turned The Game For Good

The goal that probably turned the game for good was due in large part to the Brownies' hard-hitting and aggressive style. Andre Carrier, playing perhaps his most notable varsity game to date, made a spectacular play at the blue line to keep the puck in the Agawam offensive zone.

He fed it into the left corner where Benton went to dig vs. much larger Falcon foes. Bennie freed the disc and smacked it across in front where Waryasz poked it in for a 3-1 lead at 2:45.

Dan Moriarty left the penalty box a few minutes later and immediately got involved in the offense. He sent a pass to a cutting Benton. Benton, with speed to burn, moved in and tallied his first goal of the game with a backhand. It was 4-1 at 5:53.

Twenty seconds later, the Falcon keeper scored one for AHS as the disc slid in off the back of his stick. Jeff Perreault got credit for the goal.

At 9:33, Carrier was at it again. He did what people came to see. He wound up with a big slapper from the left point and that found all net. The crowd went berserk as it was 6-1 and the rout was on.

The offensive outburst concluded with a three goal exhibition in less than two minutes. Perrault, Kevin Fleury, and Benton all struck and it mercifully ended at 9-1.

It was a satisfying Berry Division win for the Agawam kids (who have laced them up tight this year for Coach Mike LaZazzera and played heads-up hockey).

It was a day when six kids could go home and tell their families they had scored goals. Nine could say they earned assists. Rocca played well in goal when tested and he was the beneficiary of the big Agawam show.

Waryasz, Benton, and Perrault all had two goals. Peloquin led the assist parade with three followed by Benton and Dan McCarthy with two each.

Must Beat West Side To Share League Title...

Comp Upends AHS Hoop For Costly Wheel Loss

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

It was Chicopee Comp's locker room that held the magic on Tuesday night. The Colts left the floor leading visiting Agawam High by a deuce at halftime, 33-31.

Though it was uphill all the way, the Brownies got within two as intermission rolled around. But, in the second half, Comp opened with a 13 point salvo and cruised the rest of the way en route to a 79-66 win in Chicopee.

Brendon Gallagher got deep in the low post on the first Brownie possession and he rolled in a little layup. It looked like the Big Guy was going to have a night for himself against undersized Comp. That never materialized. Gallagher scored just six on the night and it was Comp that did all the damage on the backboards.

The biggest culprit was Jeremy Lewis. A sturdy 6'3" frontcourter, Lewis pounded away on both ends of the floor for timely putbacks on the offensive end and strong, loud rebounds on the defensive glass.

His work was complemented by a very hot backcourt of Jeff Kijak (game high 28 points) and Sean Sweeney (12 first-half points; 19 overall).

Meanwhile, the Brownies were getting contributions from everywhere in the first half and it managed to keep them close. Tommy Briggs continues to improve in the backcourt and he put up six first-half points to match Gallagher.

Dave Desimone came off the pine and provided instant offense for the fifth straight game. Jason Blackburn spun in a few of his penetration hoops to net seven in the first half. Mike Briggs nailed five points late in the half.

Both Teams Proud So Far

Both teams had reason to believe that they had given the crowd a quality first half. You wondered which team would come out and take charge—and you didn't have to wonder long.

Jolon Mokowski emerged as the anti-hero early as he spun home a driving layup off the inbounds

starting the half, and then he drilled a corner three-pointer to up the lead to seven.

Kijak broke away for a deuce and Jeremy Riberty made a free throw. Lewis hit a pair of freebies and Kijak got fouled on a three-point try and made a pair of free throws. It got worse and worse until Mike Martin had to call his second time out of the half with Agawam trailing 46-31.

The rest of it became a grind, actually. Comp went to the free throw stripe 31 times in the second half and ripped the ball through the cords 24 times. That's nearly 80 percent and that spelled Agawam's doom.

Some Brownies Shined At Times

Blackburn, Desimone, Ben Ferris, and a number of other Brownies shined at times. They trimmed the lead to eight once as Blackburn tiptoed away off a nifty feed by Mike Briggs. That brought Agawam within 62-54, but Lewis came right back to bury one from the corner, and Comp zoomed it back out to a 12-point margin seconds later.

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Bob Johnson On Sports... Referees Are Blamed For Weather, Hungry & The Recession

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

I have had conversations with most of the people that regularly follow Agawam High Sports. These conversations range from strategy to rule changes to player ability and everything else in-between.

The Agawam High fans are many and for the most part, they are a loyal lot. Most of them bleed Brownie orange, and that's the way it is supposed to be.

The kids in our town are treated royally when it comes to sports and the reputations they have built leaves no mystery. When playing Agawam opponents know what they are going to get - hard-nosed, battle-tested kids that will play until the final buzzer.

Us Against The World

Agawam is not the only town that employs the "It's us against the world" when they take to the playing field. It's fun for old-timers and youngsters alike to reminisce about the bad bounces, the dropped passes, the missed tackles, and the balls that roll around the rim and out. That's the beauty of sports. Memories are what keep us going.

In the last three years alone, there are many instances that are embedded in our brains and they are unlikely to leave for many years. Perhaps the most dramatic happened in Westfield several years ago when Joey "Modge" brought his football team over to the Whip City of Westfield and a ball that went right through the uprights was called no good.

How about Kim Trudel's shot in the playoffs last year that rolled around the rim and out? It cost the AHS girls' hoop team a chance to move on. Or the untimely soccer news that came out of Cathedral that caused the Brownies to forfeit all of their wins for the entire 1990 season?

Certainly, we'll remember a pair of unbeatable wrestlers that both got tamed in the State Finals and the Brownies lost out by a skinny margin. And who will forget the conduct of Franklin High when they literally "cheated" to steal a wrestling title away from Phil Tomkiel's Tough Guys in Milford this past December?

These are the things that we'll remember. And we do that because we are human. There are many, many things to cheer about and we have cheered about them. Unbeaten regular seasons; Western, Mass. championships; great efforts in goal by hockey and soccer goalies; flashy goals, lucky shots, long touchdown runs, and balls hit into the gaps with runners on the bases. Agawam athletics can keep you smiling...and of course, cause you great pain.

Unloading Pain On Officials

And like any good citizen, we all like to share our pain. Or at least unload some of it. The people

Agawam High JV Girls' Hoop



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH junior varsity girls' basketball team. Back row, from left - Charity Doe, Natalie Creanza, Suezanne Brown, Jen Cote, Brooke Hollister, and Coach Jeff Reece. Front row - Beth Skelly and Chris Bousquette. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

that get to share in most of that pain are the fine young gentlemen and ladies that wear the black and white vertical stripes. The referees.

They got blamed for everything from travelling to touch fouls to high winds, starvation, and hostile Indians. To hear people tell it, I bet the recession would be over and homeless people would all be staying at The Ritz if it were not for these lying, cheating, overpaid bozos that upset our lives time after time.

It is now fashionable to say these officials are simply "terrible, BUT they are terrible both ways!" They are cursed, threatened, and mocked by everybody in the gym.

They are the subject of a large percentage of the conversation surrounding the game. And, for simplicity's sake, allow me to just say this shouldn't be the case.

These people are also locked up in recessionary times. They make an extra forty or fifty bucks a game to wear the law man's badge. They are basically hired to keep order and the players are supposed to stay within the limits and guidelines established by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) under the refs' watchful eyes.

These people take courses and study for tests. They enjoy what they are doing. Some of them enjoy the yelling and screaming more than others. I wouldn't want to be one because I would be in the stands seeking out my detractors in the first quarter! I am not cut from a referee's cloth, let me tell you. I am far too sensitive.

I also believe that NONE of them are thinking about which team they want to win when they are putting on their trousers before the game. They go out there intent on doing a good job. Sometimes they are successful. Sometimes they are not.

That comes into focus when the opposing team is playing well. If a team goes on a 10-1 spurt, invariably they got the momentum from the refs, according to the fan populous. It's funny that so many of us are experts in that profession and so few of us even own a whistle.

So Many Know Their Names

The scary part is that so many fans know the names of these officials. I don't even recognize them from one game to another. One of them looks like my mailman so I always remember him (but not for anything good or bad that he does on the court).

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Tommy Briggs cut it to eight one more time with a left wing three-pointer, but Kijak hit a duckunder scoop from 15 feet on a play that fouled Gallagher out of the ballgame and it was curtain time.

The loss forces Agawam's hand in the Valley Wheel. They fall to 6-3 in the league and must beat West Springfield at presstime in order to claim a share of the Wheel title. Currently, they are tied with Comp for second place in the division.

The Brownies are now 9-10 on the season and could wind up at the break even point if they handle the Terriers at home at presstime.

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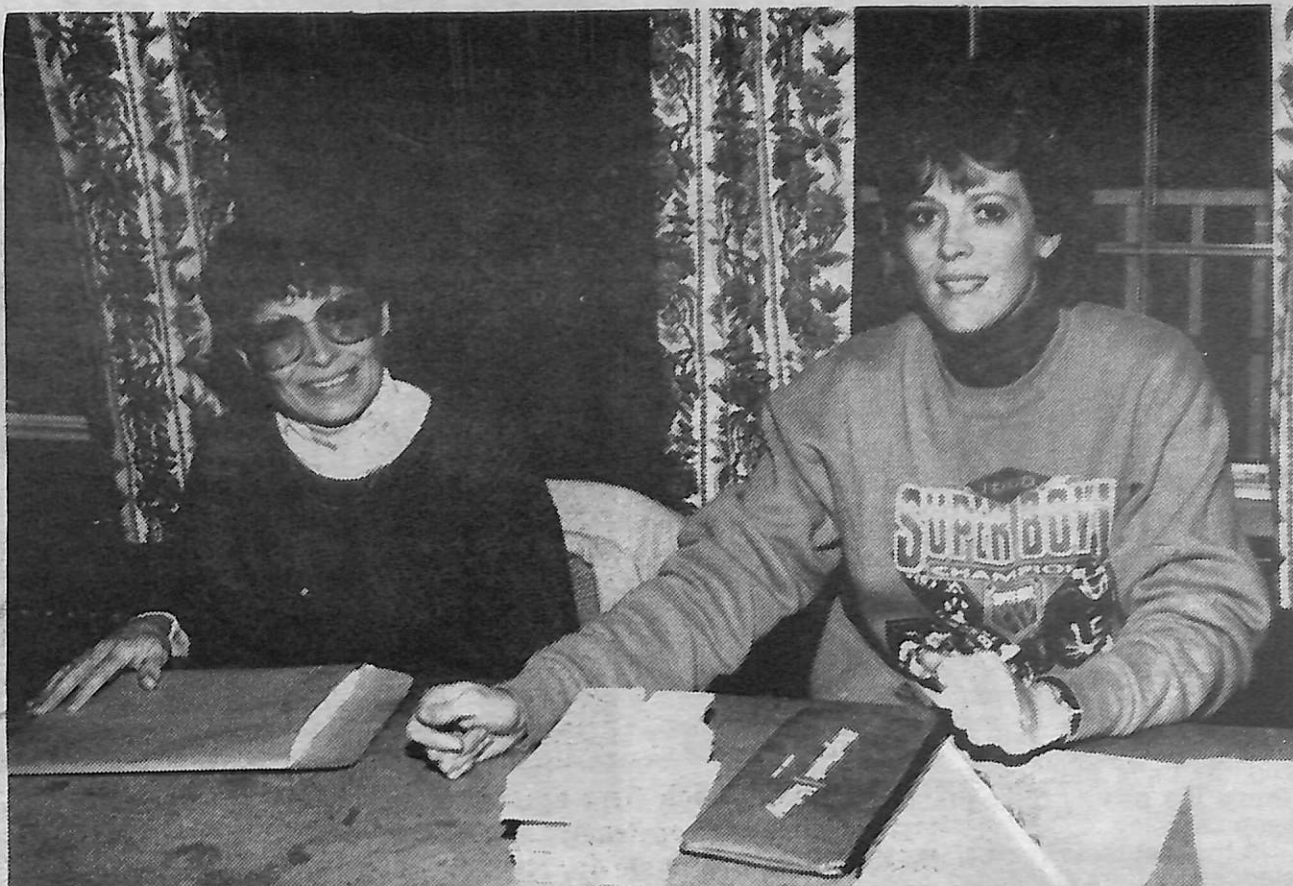
I go to watch kids play sports. I love to watch them progress in their athletic lives. The maturity and skill levels of all athletes differ and I love to see how much things impact on the success of their respective teams.

Remember what the kids say in that little huddle after the game: "Good game, Central. Thank-you officials. Thank-you spectators."

In order to enjoy sporting competition, you need several things. You must have a team, uniforms, equipment, an opponents, fans, and, perhaps most importantly, an impartial official. Folks, believe me when I say this - that's exactly what you get each and every time AHS takes the field of play.

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Little League Holds Spring/Summer Signups



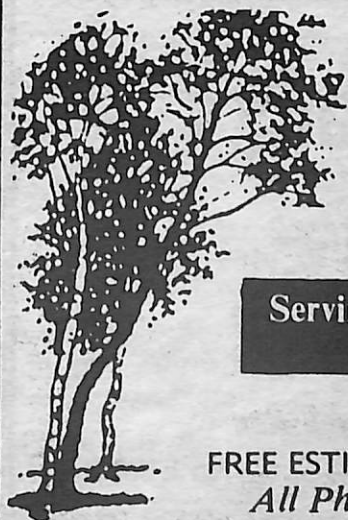
THE AGAWAM LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL organization held its Spring/Summer Baseball Signups on Saturday, February 8th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House. **IN TOP PHOTO**, league officials Debbie Hogan (left) and Joanne Menard were kept busy throughout the day with kids registering to play; **IN PHOTO BELOW**, Billy Menard and Danny Balbony can't wait for the season to begin. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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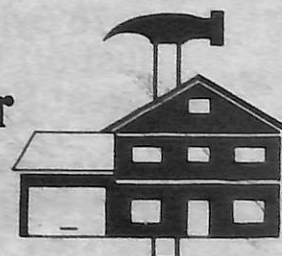
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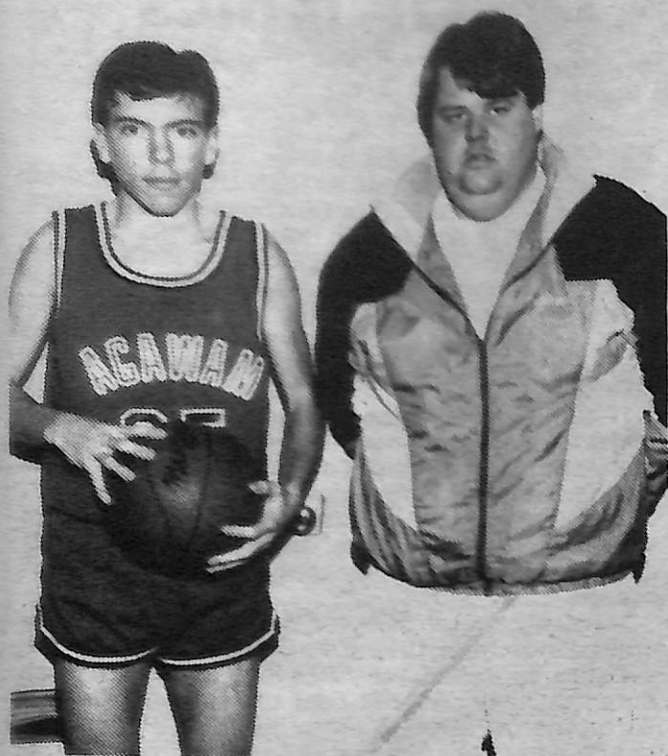
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Agawam High Freshman Boys' Hoop



IN PHOTO LEFT, Coach Gary Eggleston named Dan Bodman as the 1991-92 captain of the Agawam High boys' freshman hoop team. IN PHOTO RIGHT, team members are pictured. Back row - Marc Sales, Brian Colby, Justin David, Ryan Henderson, Todd Boskiewicz, Dan Bodman, Rick Locke, and Coach Gary Eggleston. Front row - Derek Poole, Marc Swikalus, Shawn Mercadante (manager), Tom Borowski, and Paul Arnold. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

'Hamp Comes To Town For Victory...

Northampton Upsets Brownie Girls, 68-64

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

It was "The Revenge of the Grinning Point Guard" at Clifford P. Kibbe Gymnasium at Agawam High last Friday afternoon February 14th.

Northampton High School took a 20-point spanking from the AHS Brownies in their own gym a month ago. But the Blue Devil girls enjoyed their trip to Agawam just as much as they beat the Brownies, 68-64 and probably cost the Agawam kids a shot at the league championship in the process.

The Brownies are now 15-3 and 6-2 in the Valley Wheel. They trail Amherst (7-1) by one game at presstime.

A Truly Devilish Smile

It all started with Blue Devil point guard Beth Kuzmeski, who spent the entire game with a devilish smile on her face. The senior floor general spent the rest of her time sprinting the ball into the frontcourt when 'Hamp would gain

possession.

The tactic simply wore out the Brownies, who were constantly a half step behind when trying to establish a defense. 'Hamp also packed three and four people in the lanes on both ends of the court and played a tune on the backboards.

The Brownies are a fine hoop team, too. And once they settled down, they had to extricate themselves from an 18-10 hole just six minutes into the game. Kuzmeski hit a pair of three pointers along with inside stuff provided by Lauren Demski and Kim Frost. Those were the things that AHS had practiced for and this came as no surprise.

The big secret for the visitors was unveiled in the person of Liz Moulton, who fired in a trio of threes and a penetration 10-footer from 11 points by halftime. Ms. Moulton did not make a bucket in the first matchup this season.

AHS trailed it 39-33 at the half as it remained close due to its customary scoring balance.

Juniors Stephanie Mason and Kim Trudel each had eight points. Sophomore Cyndi Stone had seven and senior Sheila Martin chipped in with six by intermission.

Fans Were Legitimately Concerned

As Brownie faithful tried to evaluate what had transpired during the break, they seemed legitimately concerned that the Blue Devils had poise, patience, size, and talent to maintain the high level of play in the second half.

So not too many people were surprised when Demski threw in a pair of hoops and Frost got her game total to 12 with a layup that put the Brownies down by 45-33 before they even scratched in the second half.

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VARSITY GIRLS' HOOP COACH LOU CONTE

Brownie Girls Give Conte 100th Win After Bombing Falcons

The Agawam High Brownies beat back the Minnechaug Falcons 51-27 for the 100th win in the coaching career of Lou Conte at Wilbraham on Tuesday afternoon.

The win ups the Brownie record to 16-3 on the campaign, but Agawam still has little hope of winning the Valley Wheel title as league leader Amherst is probably not going to be tested the rest of the way.

Amherst stands at 18-1 on the campaign and 8-1 in the Valley Wheel. The Brownies are 7-2 in Wheel play.

A Mismatch From The Start

The ballgame was a mismatch from the outset, as Conte continually experimented with combinations throughout the ballgame. "We really didn't do too much very well out there today. We did what we had to do. We've got to go into Longmeadow Thursday night and put our game together in preparation for the tournament."

The Brownies pounded the Lancers in their first meeting at Agawam, as they allowed the kids from Longmeadow just three second-half points in that ballgame.

Bob Johnson

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Sports A La Carte...

Magic Johnson & The Olympics

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

MAGIC JOHNSON'S made the last three minutes of the All-Star game into some kind of personal storybook, didn't he? Going one on one defensively with first, ISIAH, and then MICHAEL got the crowd pumped, especially when both THOMAS and JORDAN missed their shots.

Johnson proceeded to "nail" three straight three pointers, including a buzzer-beating fall-away while being guarded fairly well, sending the fans into a frenzy. It doesn't seem as if he's lost much.

It's funny in a way that that effort was on the back end of a forty point blowout win for his team, because the Magic Man is probably the only player on earth that could have had that big of an impact with the horse already out of the barn...

A reminder to those of you who are looking for a Lake Placid replay over in France: The USA Olympic Hockey team had a losing record in their exhibition schedule. Coach Dave Peterson will do a great job and those red, white and blue uniforms are great and everything, but these kids are big-time underdogs.

Enjoy them, maybe (I said maybe) they'll grab a bronze or something. That in itself would be quite an accomplishment...

CBS has 27 cameras on the downhill slopes at the Olympics. My favorite story from the Opening of the Games was the fact that the Senegal ski team consists of two skiers only. They come from a place in Africa where there is no snow and NO INCLINES.

I would like to hire the salesman who went there and "sold" them on the idea of being a downhill racer! It was a hysterical story as presented on CBS Sunday night. I hope some of you saw it...

Did you hear this one? The Quebec Nordiques president told the Hartford Whaler owner that the green uniforms make the Whalers look smaller than they really are. P.S.: The Whalers will be

wearing Navy Blue next season...

I still haven't seen this BYRON HOUSTON dude from the Oklahoma State Cowboys, but I understand that he is one terrific hoop player...

I would never care to check, but doesn't it seem that the owners are doing a J-O-B on the players in this year's baseball arbitration hearings? To me, I usually ignore that stuff because I don't care what they get. Maybe that arbitration system isn't flawed after all.

If the players price themselves out of the marketplace, they simply have to play for what the team originally offered. I'm pretty sure I like that system. It makes both sides think...

I love college basketball and my favorite time of year is about to come upon us. The NCAA basketball tournament and the beginning of baseball season.

My sentimental pick for the NCAAs this year are the kids from Tulane. I'm following those five substitutes called the "Posse" and I'm not so sure that they couldn't beat the first teamers. It sure puts on a lot of pressure on the opposing coach and takes him out of any rhythm as far as substitutions go.

Most college teams can only go seven or eight deep, but the Green Wave can hit you with ten—and they come in two neat packages of five! That's unheard of, and it is working beautifully...

I guess LARRY HOLMES wasn't as big of a comeback joke as I had originally thought. I didn't see it, but I have heard that he did a pretty surgical job on the once Merciless RAY MERCER...

I know next to nothing about former boxing legend ARCHIE MOORE, but I think I learned something today about his confidence.

When challenged by then middleweight champion PAUL PENDER, who wanted Moore's light heavyweight title, Moore responded, "For me to meet a man like that and then have to face my conscience, I would have to agree to let him carry a pistol."...

LOSS TO 'HAMP - from Page 39...

That's when Agawam's "money" player Kim Trudel went to work. Following a home timeout, she emerged from the huddle and went on a spree that only she could accomplish.

Trudel scored 13 points in the next five minutes, including three coast-to-coast rushes all by herself. Her final mad dash to the hole came just inside the eight minute mark and it had AHS up close and personal at 53-51.

Blue Devil fans were on the edge of their seats and uttered a collective sigh of relief when Coach Lou Conte had to "rest" Trudel after her big offensive surge.

The Devils went back to work and began to rebuild their lead little by little. Kuzmeski had the biggest hoop as she stopped and popped in the lane for a deuce and got fouled. After the make, 'Hamp was back on top, 57-51.

At 2:20, Laura Bielitz scored her second hoop in a 60-second span and the Brownies were down just by three, 61-58. That's when Moulton answered with her fourth trifecta of the afternoon and her only points of the second half. She guided this bomb off the window (her second "slopped in" three of the game), but like the saying goes, "it's not how, it's how many." 'Hamp was on top, 64-58.

The closest AHS would get was 66-64 at the five second mark when Trudel threw in her 27th and 28th points. The Agawam defense had been keyed by the tremendous quick hands and hustle of Mason. But 'Hamp always got back on defense and made AHS work hard for anything positive from their half court offense.

The Blue Devils had four kids in double figures as Frost and foul-plagued Demski each tossed in 18. Moulton had 14 and Kuzmeski added a dozen.

Trudel led all scorers with 28 followed by Stone's 12.

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Bob Johnson On Sports...

My Wife Would Rather Watch *Designing Women*!!!

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Does your wife watch "Designing Women" and "Murphy Brown" instead of Syracuse and Connecticut Big East action on Monday nights?

Do you often listen to the faraway and down-the-hill introduction themes to "Cheers," "L.A. Law," "Roseanne," "The Golden Girls," and a lot of other shows?

She wouldn't watch one inning of a regular season baseball game on a bet; I think the stuff that she watches is drivel. What's a family to do?

I can't help thinking that I'm not alone in this dilemma, which we have discussed many times. Now, if I take her to Fenway or Boston Garden, she is very interested. That's what she tells me.

But, she's interested in the hat on the woman in the box seats down below us. Or the color scheme of the outfit of the woman singing the anthem. Or the organ music. Or the hot dog prices. Or, or, or.

I can't get her into that ballgame until there is a bases loaded situation and a Boggs-type hitter at the plate in a tie ballgame. One thing I'll grant her; if he gets a hit, she'll get up and whistle louder than anybody in the park.

So it goes that we came to a weekend a couple of weeks ago when something happened. I mean, this is big news. Like maybe going off the top of the Richter Scale.

Let me set the scene: Terry and I were sitting there in our family room watching Barry Tompkins and Al Bernstein on "Ringside Report." Yes, we were! And, they were covering three stories in sports, and Terry knew all about ALL OF THEM!

I wanted to call all of my friends and family and brag like a son of a gun. "Hey Tommy, just wanted to let you know that little T and I are sitting here watching 'Ringside Report.' What are you guys doing?" I'd be in my glory making a call like that.

The problem comes in the fact that the three

stories were: 1) Mike Tyson's rape trial; 2) Magic Johnson's appearance in the NBA All-Star Game; and 3) the Opening of the Winter Olympics.

Did you know that the Tyson trial got some play (and lots of it) on the local and national news? Oh, really?

Did you know that Magic Johnson was on Arsenio Hall, spreading his message about AIDS? No, was he?

And did you realize that the Olympics has had the audacity to run a promotional announcement in every commercial break since the Super Bowl? Of course they did.

So she would have had to live on the moon to miss those stories. But, she found out about them and is mildly interested in each of those real-life docu-dramas.

The Olympics gets her pretty charged up. She likes to ski and is fascinated about the downhill runs on those mountains in France. I'm not much of a ski buff, but if it will get her to make that rare appearance in the family room—I'll stick around and watch a little skiing.

She loves to watch the ice dancing, especially the synchronization of the pairs' competition. I doubt she'll watch much hockey, but then neither will I.

There was also a little bonus time on Saturday night. We had rented "From Here to Eternity" and were really enjoying it, when she had to go upstairs to get some tea. "Yeah, honey, get me a cup of that too, will ya? No, better yet ... get me a Budweiser."

That's when I got hold of the TV clicker and started flipping around. I found the Long Distance Shootout on TNT. (That's the three point shooting

contest held at the All-Star Game every year.)

I went upstairs slowly, planning my strategy as I walked.

"Honey, you still love me, right? How about this? I want you to remember that we are watching a video cassette and we can start it back up at any time. You know about the three pointer in basketball, right?"

She nodded hesitantly, "Why, what does that have to do with 'From Here to Eternity'?"

I had to regroup. "Well, consider that some of the best shooters in the world are going to go head to head with a musical background no less, and 15,000 fans screaming, and \$20,000 going to the winner, and best of all, it will be over in 20 minutes."

"OK, I'll watch it for 20 minutes." And, she did. It was great to see little Jim Les of the Kings give Craig Hodges all he wanted in a very dramatic contest that went down to the final shot.

She didn't say much, but she watched every shot and enjoyed every second of it.

Now, I admit, watching "Ringside Report" wasn't on her Sunday night agenda. I just happened to zap over to ESPN on a commercial break, but when Tompkins and Bernstein started talking about those three issues, she was interested. Very interested.

I didn't tease her about it. I remained quiet. Simply put, I had a great weekend and I felt as if my team was in the bonus early in the second half.

It is a major project, but I will win. Or maybe I'll have to watch "Designing Women" on Monday nights.

We'll see.

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Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



Deputy Commissioner of D.E.P.'s Conservation Branch, Tom Dudchik, has announced the results of the 1991 deer season in Connecticut. As of February 1st, the season tally stood at 11,305 deer, a 14 percent increase over 1990.

Approximately 32,000 hunters participated in the 1991 season. These individuals spent over \$440,000 on deer permits, injecting a projected \$5.8 million into the Connecticut economy via hunter-related expenditures.

The 1991 season provided hunters with approximately 820,000 pounds of boneless venison valued at roughly \$2.7 million.

Paul Herig, Wildlife Division Director, states that restricted access to private land continues to serve as an impediment to effective deer management in select areas of the state:

"It's impossible to effectively manage deer populations when access to deer range is constrained. Successful management requires a cooperative effort between the D.E.P. and private landowners."

The Department is instituting and implementing significant changes in the deer program in 1992. These changes include implementation of a statewide antlerless deer season, elimination of the lottery for state land muzzleloader hunters, and initiation of a formal controlled hunt program.

Ducks Unlimited Continental Shooting Tournament will be held April 2nd through 5th at Atlanta's Wolf Creek Gun Club, the designated competition site for the 1996 Olympic shooting events. The DUC shoot is co-sponsored by the Winchester Division of Olin Corporation.

In its five-year history, the DUC shoot has raised more than \$418,000 for Ducks Unlimited's North American conservation programs. In 1991, the event drew more than 300 shooters from 33 states and raised \$135,000.

Since 1937, Ducks Unlimited has pioneered North American waterfowl conservation by raising more than \$400 million to restore and develop critical nesting, staging, and wintering habitat. The organization has reserved more than 4.2 million acres of wetland and upland habitat throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Ducks Unlimited is another example of what the sportsmen are doing for the wildlife in this country. I hate to think what the condition of our wildlife would be if it wasn't for the unselfishness of the sportsmen in this country and their programs that benefit the many species of wildlife throughout the USA—game and non-game wildlife.

The Wildlife Legislative Fund of America notes that Bob Pacific, a refuge planner for the 90-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge system, says the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available for public review and comment in April of 1992.

The final DEIS will guide management of the refuges for the next 10 to 15 years. The WLFA is planning a national letter-writing campaign in support of a plan that will provide for rational resource management. The anti's are gearing up a similar campaign designed to close the refuge now open to sportsmen.

President Bush recently signed legislation creating the Conti National Refuge that includes the complete flow of the Connecticut River and its watershed from New Hampshire to the mouth of the river in Connecticut.

The watershed of the Connecticut River on both sides of the river covers thousands and thousands of acres of land which are used by sportsmen, campers, hikers, etc.

This newly-created refuge is going to affect our lives for many years in the future. We cannot ignore the DEIS by letting other people from around the country establish the regulations that we will have to live under.

The Springfield Sportsmen's Show is from February 20th through 23rd. It is one of the largest pure fishing, hunting, and shooting shows in the northeast.

The show is set up to have seminars on every aspect of hunting and fishing now enjoyed by the sportsman and his family.

The seminars will be held every hour of the show. Listen for the announcements over the loudspeaker system and choose the seminar that you care to attend.

The show has been fabulous in the past and the promoters say this show will outdo the previous ones. As in the past, sporting gear will be sold at show prices, which means that a bargain can be had by the purchasers. See you all over there.

The Agawam Bowman Club is holding its annual 3-D Snow Shoot on Sunday, February 23rd. Registration will be 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and awards will be made in all classifications. The public is invited.

St. Mike's The Leader In Tri-Parish Bowling

After the second week of rolling in Round Three of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League, St. Michael (6½ wins) has assumed first place, closely followed by St. Anselm (6 wins) and St. Mary (5½ wins).

St. Michael took three wins over Holy Cross (8th place-3 wins) to move into first place. St. Mike's winners were PAUL LAGODITZ (strong 288), RENEE JURY (287 - Renee is second place in Women's Class AA at 93.22), and veteran captain FRED MORASSI, 292-275 over faltering HC captain LARRY VIENS. Fred leads the Men's Class A at 98.6, while Larry watched his average slip to 100.43 in Men's Class AAA.

The only HC winner was leadoff DOUG HART (275). MICHELLE BAILLE, the women's leader in Class B (87.28), could muster only 246 in getting shellacked by Paul Lagoditz.

St. A's sent Fordham (9th place-2 wins) reeling towards the cellar, three wins to one. St. A's winners were DON STITT (283), TERRY CERPOVICZ (260), and captain TIM SHEEHAN, the league's new lion (331). Tim really laid the wood to substitute captain CHRISTIAN MULDER (249). Christian was subbing for his ill father, OLLIE, who still leads the Men's Class AAA with a 104.34 average.

Despite his high score, Sheehan is now in second place in the Men's Open Class at 107.20. He barely trails his friend and rival. STEVE MOCCIO (107.22), in what appears to be a race to the wire. The only Fordham winner on this night was third roller JANICE MOCCIO (288). Janice rolls at an 89.54 clip in Women's Class A - second place.

Third place St. Mary laid a big hurt on 7th place Catholic University (3 wins), in a clean sweep, four wins to none. Leading St. A's to the sweep were leadoff AUDREY PHILLIPS (248) and captain JIM "Mac" MCNAMEE (282). "Mac" defeated CU captain RICH SNEYDER, who could roll only two strings (103.38 average) and had to settle for a 279 from him. "Mac" is still hovering at the 95.41 average in Men's Class AA.

Winners for CU were Women's Class A scoring leader CAROLINE COELLN (282) and third roller JIM SNEYDER (304), who outfought BOB COELLN (292) in a good battle. Jim Snyder is in second place in Men's Class AAA at 101.44.

Boston College (4th place-4½ wins) vastly improved its stock after a lousy opening week by pasting lowly Notre Dame (last place-1½ wins), 3½ wins to ½ win.

Winners for BC were substitute TINA FRAPPIER (280), MARIE SARACINO (273), and BILL "Don't Call Me Bob" HOPE (293). The battle between the captains was a fierce once. STEVE MOCCIO of ND outfought his brother, FRANK "The Tank," in a great war, 344-339. Steve, a senior at Agawam High School, is now the top roller in the league at 107.22. His older brother, "The Tank," is rolling at 109.26 in a substitute roll. What a grudge match this was.

In the final match of the night, Georgetown (6th place-4 wins) and St. Louis (5th place-4 wins) faced-off. Winners for St. Lou were JAY LAGODITZ (245-243 over MELISSA PONTE) and JEAN BUONICONTI (291-282 over "Steady" EDIE GALLERANI). Jean leads the Women's Class AA at 94.9, and captain JIM HOAGUE, a 317-289 conquerer of the league's top women's roller, DEBBIE POIRIER (102.35). Debbie is still awaiting the return of SHIRLEY SARACINO to these lanes (101.7) so this huge rivalry can continue.

The only G-Town winner was substitute roller "Sweet" LOU MASSOIA, a 299-293 winner over JOHN LONCRINI.

Fitness First Plans "Leap Year Open House"; Public Invited To Day-Long List Of Events

Fitness First in Feeding Hills will be holding a "Leap Year Open House" on Saturday, February 29th.

This once-every-four-years event will offer to the public FREE unlimited workouts, swimming and racquetball, fat burner aerobics at 9:15 a.m., step aerobics at 10:30 a.m., and a triathlon clinic at 11:00 a.m.

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and more fun.

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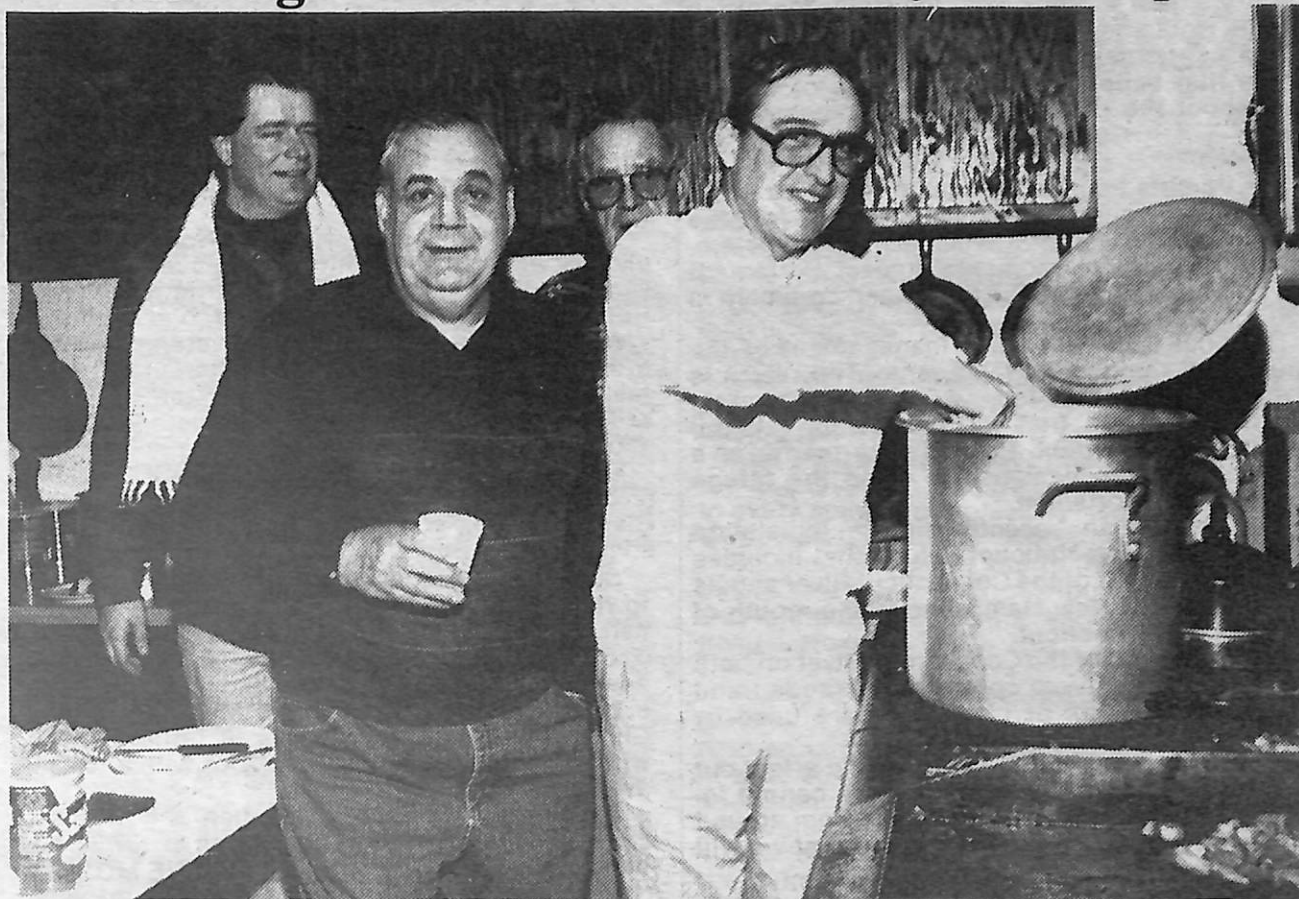
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MEMBERS AND COACHES of the Fitness First Karate Club were big winners at the recent Springfield College Annual American Karate Championships. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Aldrich Insurance	1	6
Valenti's Restaurant	0	7

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Aldrich Insurance	2	5
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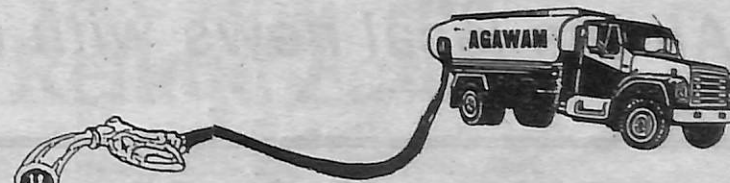
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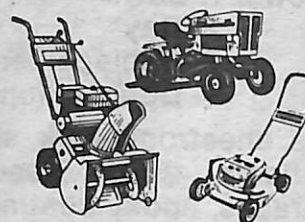
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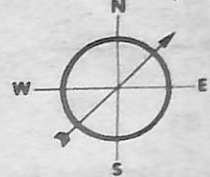
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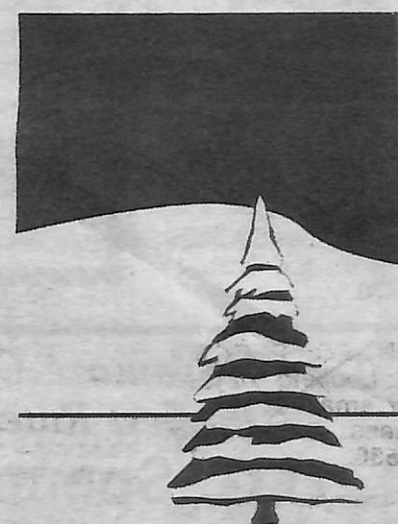
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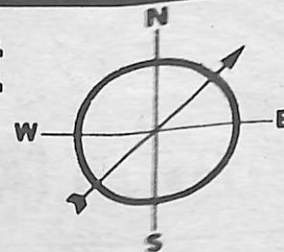
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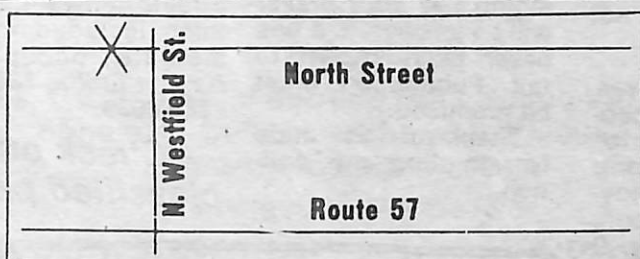


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